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Patterson Place Lives!

From the WCAA Director

My dearest Westerners,

My grandmother tells the very best stories. Since I was a little girl, and still to this day, I could listen for hours and hours to her stories. Sometimes she surprises me with a new one, but often they are ones I have heard before. But some stories are worth repeating.

And now, one of my absolute favorite parts of serving in my current role as WCAA Director is hearing your Western stories. I know that many of you worry that the story of Western might be altered as the campus goes through many transformations. And there certainly have been many changes witnessed by the Western College Alumnae since 1974 — but through them all, there is one constant that has so clearly remained: The resilience and determination of the Western family.



Mackenzie Becker Rice

It was with this resilience and determination that in the face of the closing of Western College, you decided that we would continue to honor Western College heritage and foster lifelong engagement with one another by the establishment of the Western College Alumnae Association. You could have stopped there — but resilience and determination made you resolute that the opportunity to pursue higher education should be accessible for future generations to come, resulting in over \$8 million of scholarships. Resilience and determination made you unwavering in your goal to pay tribute to the extraordinary faculty of Western College by the establishment of a Western College Professorship. (**Big Update: There will be such a professor on campus by summer's end!**) Then, you set your mind on telling the story of Western College with the Western College Legacy Circle, and *in less than a year* raised \$336,000, which is 96 percent of the goal! Western spirit indeed!

As if that isn't enough, I cannot imagine a stronger demonstration of resilience and determination than the dogged stance of the WCAA, the Miami community, and the Oxford community that Patterson Place tells a powerful tale about education and passion — a story that would not be as easily told if Patterson Place was razed. The historic building — with its picturesque setting and stone bridges — has become an iconic part of the Miami campus as well, with enduring meaning to generations of Miami and Western students as well as to the Oxford community. Thanks to your resilience and determination, it stands tall and proud for many years to come.

The story and transcendent charm of Western College are woven deeply into the fabric of Miami University. It's a story that engages, defines, and enlightens. It's a story of resilience and determination. A story worth repeating, just like my grandmother's.

In the Spirit of Western,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mackenzie'.

Mackenzie Becker Rice
Director, Western College Alumnae Association, Inc.



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Mission of the Association:

- to preserve and encourage communication among and with alumnae,
- to support education and human values that continue the heritage and tradition of The Western College.

Correction: *The Voting Rights Act referenced in a column by Rita Greene on page 13 of the Fall '14 Bulletin was enacted in 1965, not 1964 as stated.*

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From the WCAA President

Dear Fellow Western Alums and Former Faculty:

I have some good news to share! Patterson Place will **not** be razed and will continue to be the WCAA's home until 2024. The wide open green space with brook and bridges will also be left intact for the near future.

In my letter of April 21st, I reported Miami's plans to demolish Patterson Place to make way for the construction of a new 300-bed residence hall and that the WCAA offices/gathering place would be the nearby Stillman Kelley home and studio. Shortly thereafter the Miami University Board of Trustees passed a resolution authorizing further evaluation and pre-construction planning for the new residence hall on the site now occupied by Patterson Place "assuming it continues to be recommended by the administration for approval."



Sylvia Stanfield '65

As you might imagine, there was an outcry opposed to this plan from Western alums as well as members of the Oxford community and Miami University faculty, staff, and students. There was also considerable press coverage, including *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, about the demolition plan and an outpouring of opposition to the plan on social media (Facebook). This was after your WCAA trustees had voiced our strong concern about such a plan at our April meeting with President Hodge and senior university administrators.

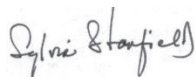
So strong were our combined voices that President Hodge phoned me early the following Monday afternoon to let me know that he, after consultations with his senior staff and Chairman of the Miami University Board of Trustees David Budig, had decided **not** to proceed with the destruction of Patterson Place. President Hodge felt this was "the right thing to do" despite the fact that his decision will complicate the university's planning for additional campus housing by 2017.

President Hodge has asked Vice President for Advancement (and WCAA liaison) Tom Herbert to create a fundraising plan to support the necessary Patterson Place renovation and repairs, including work to make it ADA compliant. Your WCAA Board of Trustees has enthusiastically voted to support this initiative. Donations for this purpose are already coming in from Western alums and members of the wider Oxford community.

If you would like to join the WCAA and the Miami and Oxford communities in supporting this initiative, please send your contribution to the WCAA marked "for Patterson Place." You may also contribute online at WCAA's secure giving site: www.miamioh.edu/wcaa. Be sure to write "Patterson Place Renovation Fund" in the "Comments" field.

I hope to see many of you at our June 12-14 Reunion Weekend 2015. Let's celebrate Patterson Place and the spirit of Western.

Sincerely,



Sylvia Stanfield '65
President, WCAA



Alumnae Weekend 2015 honors Alumnae Service Award recipients:

Vasso Papagregory Louvakis '57, Gretchen Wampler Mousetis '58 (dec.) and Shirin Kassam Velji '65!

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Special ★ CENTENNIAL ★ Edition

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James Patterson built his summer home, Glenwilde, on the site of the Fisher homestead in 1898; it was later given to the Seminary by his sisters.

James R. Patterson Rebuilds "The Ruins"

Histories of Patterson Place and Western College have intertwined from the very beginnings of the College. In 1853 as Rev. Daniel Tenney and his wife began their appeals for funds to start a seminary for daughters of families in moderate circumstances, Rev. Tenney first approached his nearest neighbor, James Fisher, who pledged \$5000 and "threw in" his potato patch. The thirty-acre patch became the site for Peabody Hall which was the first structure to be built for the Seminary. Mr. Fisher was a member of the original Board of Trustees of the Western Female Seminary. At that time he resided in a home located on the site of today's Patterson Place.

After Peabody Hall was destroyed by the 1860 fire, the James Fisher home was rented and used by the Seminary both as dormitory and class rooms for the students for the remainder of that year and part of the next. The house came to be known as "Little Western" during that period.

In the early 1880's the Fisher home was destroyed by fire and the charred shell was left standing near the path leading to the Seminary campus. Known as "The Ruins" it was invested with romantic tales by many of the villagers as well as the young students of both the Seminary and Miami University. A.O. Patterson, James Ramsey Patterson's father, purchased the property from Fisher in 1868.

During this time James, an 1858 graduate of Miami University, was building, buying, selling and moving houses in Oxford. He had homes in Glendale and Oxford, Ohio, and a winter home in Mansfield, Louisiana. Patterson became an active member of the Oxford community, giving his time and donating money and land. He was one of the largest donors to the University Alumni Library, contributed \$5000 to the student loan fund and endowed the McFarland Mathematical prize.

Patterson was appointed to the University Board of Trustees in 1899, and was re-appointed in 1908. He

received an honorary degree from the University in 1912.

In 1891 James Patterson selected "The Ruins" as the site for a new home for his sister, Miss Alice Patterson, and himself. The home is supposedly modeled after one he admired in Louisiana. It is a classic revival brick house with a balanced facade on a slightly raised stone foundation. There is a trabeated centrally placed front door flanked by tall windows. A one-story wooden porch stretches across the entire front facade and corners of the side facades. Porch features include a centrally placed pediment, round wooden columns topped by Doric capitals and separated by a low balustrade. Large gable dormers dominate the roof line and massive asymmetrically placed chimneys are important features. The house was eventually called "Glenwilde."

Miss McKee and Mr. Patterson maintained a relationship that revolved primarily around property. In 1904, Miss McKee sent word to Mr. Patterson that a "very good-looking building" was to be erected and that this was his last chance to give some land for it. He answered that he would like to see her, and as they were looking at the three acres of ground west of Alumnae Hall belonging to Patterson, Miss McKee inquired whether or not Mr. Patterson had "done it yet?" "Done what?" he questioned. "Made your will leaving your property to Western," replied Miss McKee. Always a direct woman, Miss McKee got the three acres and also planted the seed for a future gift.

Patterson and his sister Alice lived at Patterson Place until his death in 1913. Their sister, Mrs. George Bishop, also lived in Oxford with her husband and daughter.

Patterson's will disclosed that he left all of his property to his two sisters. In September, 1914, Miss Patterson and Mrs. Bishop negotiated a lease arrangement with Dr. William W. Boyd, incoming Western College president, that specified his occupancy of the home. In less than two months, however, the sisters had decided to make a gift to Western of all of their brother's property, and this announcement was made on the day of President Boyd's inauguration, November 4, 1914. The first social event for the official president's

home was an afternoon reception held that same day.

The Boyds made Patterson Place the center of much official entertaining. Annual teas were given for members of each class, faculty dinners were held several times a year, out-of-town campus speakers and ministers frequently were overnight guests. At Christmas all students and faculty who remained on the campus had their holiday dinner at Patterson Place.

Presidents following Dr. Boyd continued in the same tradition. Some improvements were made during the Boyd administration and since then succeeding presidents, Ralph Hickok (1931-41), Mrs. Alexander Thomson (1941-45), Philip Henderson (1945-51), Edmund Kase (1951-53), Dr. Herrick Young (1953-69), and Dr. William Spencer (1969-74), altered the house to fit their individual needs. The most recent renovation was done when the Western College Alumnae Association moved its offices to the home in 1974.

Today Patterson Place serves as offices, archives and museum for the Association. Alumnae contributions have almost completely restored the gracious old house and its contents, and tours are conducted through the museum by Association staff. The archives is extensively used by University faculty, students, and others doing research on Western's contributions to the place of women's colleges in higher education. Two downstairs rooms that were formerly dining room and study are today used as offices. Visitors are welcome five days a week, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

A memorial book printed at the time of James Ramsey Patterson's death contains many tributes, one of which reads:

"The Board of Trustees of Western College made this resolution a part of their official minutes: 'Through many years, his friendship was shown by a warm and active interest in all that related to the development and progress of Western College; and in his absence they feel that the College has lost a valued friend; one that will long be missed, and the memory of whose many kindnesses will long endure.'"

Mr. James Patterson is still remembered and honored for his extraordinary contributions to the history and heritage of Western College

What's on Your Mind

*For many weeks the fate of Western's — and, to be accurate, Miami's — Patterson Place has been on many minds. Early in the year, a rumor that the building was to be demolished spread in the Oxford community, but on April 10 it became a reality for the WCAA when MU administrators officially announced their decision to our Board of Trustees. As the news spread, questions and protests from all fronts poured forth: in phone calls, letters and e-mails to our office; Facebook posts; letters and editorials in local newspapers (including The Miami Student); TV news. A petition circulated and was presented and a number of people spoke at the April 25 meeting of the Miami Board of Trustees, which promptly approved the demolition. You have heard directly from our WCAA president — now we want to bring you a few of those other views and voices. **But this first: President Hodge listened to all those voices and withdrew the recommendation!***

Memo to the Miami Community from Miami President David Hodge, May 4:

Last Friday the Board of Trustees passed a resolution authorizing further evaluation and pre-construction planning for a new residence hall to be located on the site now occupied by Patterson Place “assuming it continues to be recommended by the administration for approval.” The rationale for this site is compelling: it would provide a huge step forward in meeting our sustainability goals by utilizing and expanding our geothermal infrastructure; it is well served by an existing dining facility; it is an excellent access point for students; it is very cost effective; and it can be completed in time to meet the urgent and critical demand for housing forecasted for the fall of 2017 and beyond.

However, we have also received extensive and thoughtful feedback about how construction on this site could seriously undermine our sense of place, our sense of self, and our sense of community. These, too, are very important considerations for Miami's future. Therefore, after further assessment and in consultation with Vice President Creamer and Provost Callahan, I have reached out to David Budig, Chair of the Board of Trustees, to convey our decision not to

proceed with the recommendation for the new residence hall on this site despite its compelling advantages. We will work with the Board in advance of the June meeting to keep them advised as to other options. I have also asked Vice President for Advancement Tom Herbert to create a fundraising plan to support the renovation of Patterson Place.

The decision to seek an alternate site will create significant challenges as we move forward. There almost certainly will be additional costs and obstacles, and we will be challenged to meet our goals in the time frame before us. We will move forward, however, as quickly, thoroughly, and collaboratively as possible to re-evaluate the best alternatives that will provide the highest quality experience for our students.

Let me close by expressing my appreciation to all who provided feedback that contributed to this important decision.

Sincerely,

David Hodge
President



For the cover of the Fall 2006 Bulletin, WCAA trustees gathered on the steps of the newly renovated Patterson Place porch. Miami's year-long project to restore the porch to its original condition began shortly after the 2005 Reunion and was completed in time for Reunion 2006. As noted in the description, the building serves not only as headquarters for the Western College Alumnae Association, but is also the first stop for Western alumnae and friends visiting the Western campus. (N.B.: Historic Register marker on stone, lower right corner.)



Patterson Place, before the 1974 merger

Letter to the Miami University Board of Trustees, April 27:

As former Deans of the School of Interdisciplinary Studies, or Western College Program, we have good, even strong, ties to the alumni of Miami University and the alumnae of the Western College for Women. We therefore read with alarm of plans to demolish Patterson Place in order to make room for a three-hundred-bed residence hall.

Patterson Place, as you know, is the former home of Western College presidents and has been, for forty years, the home of the Western College Alumnae Association, an organization that has given generously to Miami University. Patterson Place is far more than a “museum” or a “house,” as it has been recently characterized. It remains of enduring historical importance to generations of Miami and Western students as well as to the community.

It was named for James R. Patterson, a Cincinnati businessman, a Miami graduate, a Miami trustee, and a contributor to Miami’s Alumni Library. James Patterson was awarded a Miami honorary degree in 1912. His sisters gave the building to Oxford’s Western College for Women, a daughter college of Mount Holyoke that graduated numerous important women leaders during Western’s 125-year history. It was the home of William W. Boyd, who as Western’s president in the 20th century greatly expanded Western College and commissioned the distinctive stone bridges on that campus built by Oxford’s African-American stonemason, Cephas Burns. It was home to Dr. Herrick Young, who as President of Western in 1964 made the courageous decision to host Mississippi Freedom Summer volunteers for training as civil rights workers. It is the place chosen by Miami Vice President John Dolibois as home to the Western College Alumnae Association. To our knowledge, this is the only such organization ever created by graduates of a small col-

lege that merged into a larger institution for the purpose of supporting students and programs that were yet to come.

In fact, the importance of Patterson Place was recognized by Miami’s Board of Trustees in their 1982 Resolution R83-26, where they listed it as one of the eleven buildings of “greatest historical significance” to Miami University.

We are also concerned about the stone bridges in the vicinity of Patterson Place built by Cephas Burns. We have not read of plans to harm them, but it is a challenge to imagine how the several envisioned construction projects on Western Campus can occur without placing them in jeopardy.

All of us served as academic deans, and we understand that Miami, like other higher education institutions, faces significant new challenges that require it to adapt, change, and grow. We recognize as well the utilitarian appeal of this particular proposal for a new residence hall site. That said, we also understand that execution of this plan will destroy a landmark of Oxford, Western College, and Miami University history.

We believe that without enduring respect for what was best in the past, there is not much hope for what is essential for the future. In Oxford, we have a distinguished past that deserves to be studied, taught, and applauded as fundamental to our best identity as our community moves into an uncertain future. This fine home of a prominent Miami alumnus and of memorable college presidents is a deep part of our best identity. We hope it can be cherished for its inherent value to all of us.

— *Judith de Luce, Dean, 1996-1997*
Curtis W. Ellison, Dean, 1980-1996, 1997-1998
William J. Gracie, Jr., Dean, 2003-2008
Burton I. Kaufman, Dean, 1998-2003
Myron J. Lunine, Dean, 1974-1980



Early post card of Patterson Place



Patterson Place Museum parlor: Professor Howard Blanning with his Shakespeare master class

Excerpted from letter to MU administration:

... Preserving Patterson Place itself, of course, allows Miami to keep one of its most gracious older houses, with its living room that has inspired so many students who have had advanced seminars there, complete with tea. At the same time it keeps the landscape integrity of the new Western dormitories intact: an integrity I think would be compromised with new construction in the woods of almost any sort. No doubt there will need to be discussion about how Patterson Place can continue to be an organic part of Miami's present; and should that discussion take place in Patterson Place's living room — with tea, of course — I have no doubt you will find the same inspiration from the surroundings that so many students and alumni have experienced. ...

— Howard Blanning
MU Professor Emeritus



Patterson Place Museum parlor: Then-WCAA Director Judy Waldron, showing visitor Steve Peabody his great-great-great-aunt Helen Peabody's famous stool

Preface to petition posted on WCAA Facebook:

With this petition, the undersigned below urge you to reconsider the plan to demolish Patterson Place. As members of the Miami University community and Oxford community, we recognize the importance of such heritage sites to the identity of all that live here. We ask that the administration consider appropriate planning procedures that respect the Miami University heritage plan, that engage all units of the campus through faculty governance and the University Senate's planning committee, and adhere to the City of Oxford's historic codes. The plan to deconstruct a heritage site within a district in the National Registry of Historic Sites deserves public dialogue with not only the Alumnae of Western College for Women but with all concerned members of the community.

— 1118 signatories



Westerners, Miamians, and Oxford townspeople, attending the victory rally on Patterson Place lawn!

Posted by Helen Peabody on WCAA Facebook:

Please join Miamians, Westerners, and Oxford community members for a flash mob and "Thank you, President Hodge" rally at Patterson Place, 5:00, Friday, May 8.

The community will gather to show appreciation for the decision to save Patterson Place!

Everyone is welcome. Students are encouraged to participate.



Then-WCAA Director Judy Waldron showing the Harriet Beecher Stowe desk to Miami Ambassador Valerie Hodge. The desk is located in the front bedroom of the Patterson Place Museum.

Excerpted from the April 24 issue of The Miami Student:

In the corner of a second-floor guest room in Patterson Place, home to the Western College Alumnae Association and its corresponding museum, endures the desk on which Harriet Beecher Stow penned a majority of “Uncle Tom’s Cabin.”

The fate of this desk, along with other historic pieces of furniture and paintings from the Western College for Women, is now unknown, as Miami University plans to demolish the museum and replace it with a new residence hall. ...

It is important to note that students do not often visit Patterson Place. To most, the building is nothing more than a picturesque scene — a beautiful old house tucked into a wooded area behind charming stone bridges.

But then again, students do not visit other historic sites such as the Lorenzo Langstroth Cottage on Patterson Avenue, just a few yards from Patterson Place, or the McGuffey Museum on Spring Street — both valuable and representative of Miami’s rich history. ...

One of Miami’s largest appeals to incoming first-years is its history. The historic places and spaces on campus are regularly used as talking points during Make It Miami tours and were boasted during the recent 50th anniversary of Freedom Summer — the 1964 collection of more than 800 volunteers at the Western College to train and prepare African American voters for registration in Mississippi. ...

It is Miami’s job as caretakers of Western Campus to preserve its history. ...

— *Editorial board, The Miami Student*

Excerpted from letter to WCAA:

... I spent a few nights in Patterson Place in fall 2009 when I was invited to give a lecture to first year students. I went on a midnight tour through its creaky rooms and attic spaces, turning up incredible paintings and artifacts that fill all its nooks. It felt haunted and warmed by its history. I didn’t visit it often as a student, but I loved it as a piece of Western history. ...

— *Emily Brown MU '07*

Excerpted from letter to MU Board of Trustees, April 30:

... Patterson Place, especially if taken together with the William Holmes McGuffey House, could make a wonderful and unique museum of the history of education in this area of the country. Patterson Place and the Western College Archives can tell a powerful story about the education of women and the innovations made in Oxford. It is perhaps a story that can be better told in and by Patterson Place than any other remaining structure. This use of Patterson Place would be of major and continuing benefit to people who might otherwise not be touched by Miami University or its programs. ...

— *Genevieve O’Malley Knight '04*



Researcher Elizabeth Johnson at work in the Narka Nelson Archives, located on the second floor of the Patterson Place Museum.

Excerpted from the May 4 Journal-News:

A more than 100-year-old historic building at Miami University’s campus will continue to stand on campus, thanks to outcry from local residents, alumni and professors. ...

Some professors, alumni and local residents objected to the proposed demolish of the building, which for years housed the presidents of the former Western College for Women, a women’s university in Oxford from 1855 to 1974.

The building, which was constructed in 1898, is currently a museum and serves as the home of the Western College’s Alumnae Association. The association reaches out to roughly 2,700 alumnae every year and hosts a gathering on the campus annually. ...

Excerpted from May 2 WCAA Facebook post:

I know we are not happy with what Miami has decided to do about Patterson Place, but really don't we miss Alumnae Hall more than we will ever miss the president's home?

Miami has been good to us over the past 41 years and without their financial support we probably would not exist. For those who do not know, they pay our staff, provide Patterson Place at no cost for our offices, and provided some of the support for our services. Whenever I have heard President Hodge speak he refers to Miami becoming more like Western in its approach to many things and acknowledges that Western was far ahead of its time. ...

Miami continues to honor Western with the buildings they have built on the Western campus which look like Western buildings — stone rather than brick, and the Western name is everywhere.

Our campus is theirs and has been for more than 41 years, but they do honor us in so many ways. They will never be able to make us happy because we want "our" Western back, but they respect us and care about us.

For those who have not been to the campus recently, please come back soon, I think you will see that things are better than you imagine. The campus is really beautiful and they have not made changes to the section from Peabody to Clawson. That part of the campus is a step back in time, but time must go on and Miami must do as they see fit to improve their institution and provide for the current and future students. They probably should have approached the Patterson issue differently, but we must remember it is not ours any more.

— Barbara Williamson Wentz '68



Members of the WCAA Board of Trustees study scholarship applications during their meeting in the parlor of the Patterson Place Museum.



*Patterson Place: Having survived the 1924 tornado!
(Courtesy Smith Library of Regional History)*

Excerpted from letter to Getty Foundation, copied to Ohio History Connection and WCAA:

... A number of citizens in Oxford, Ohio, are reaching out to professionals beyond the local boundaries as a way of disseminating information concerning a historic preservation issue.

Miami University purchased the campus of the Western College for Women in 1974. The Women's College was forced to close after 120 years of operation as one of the outstanding women's colleges in the United States.

In 1979, an area of the old College campus was designated as a Historic District, including the architecturally valuable Patterson Place. Miami University has decided to demolish Patterson Place in favor of building a dormitory. ...

and quoted in Cincinnati.com:

"For a lot of people it's an icon. People look at (Patterson Place) as having been in our presence for so long it's like an old friend," Stanley said.

"We all probably trusted that (building) was under protection. There is a plaque in front of Patterson Place that says the whole area is designated as a historic district."

— Jerome Stanley
MU Professor Emeritus

As per request of many Western College alumnae/i, contributions to the Patterson Place Renovation Fund may be made through the WCAA secure giving site: www.miamioh.edu/wcaa. Please indicate the designation of your gift "Patterson Place Renovation Fund" in the "comments" field.

Mail donations to: WCAA, 325 S. Patterson Ave., Oxford, OH 45056.

Meet Two Western Entrepreneurs

*As one of our wisest alumnae opined 41 years ago, “Western women are more likely to do good than to do well.” Here are two Western women who prove you can do both at once. **Jennie Lou Fredley Klim ’58** and **Julie Cook Downing ’69** have developed their passion for being of service to others into successful businesses of their own.*

Jennie Lou Klim’s passion is music. More specifically, playing the violin. But perhaps she is even more passionate about teaching others to play. To that end, her business is Beachside Publications.

After a lifetime of teaching in her private studio, Jennie Lou was inspired to share her ideas and methods with others. She has spent the last 20 years writing method books for studio and classroom, for novice and veteran teacher. (Most are available at Amazon.com or CreateSpace.com). Most recently she has consolidated her philosophy and ideas into *A Guide to Teaching Violin* and expects *Teaching Violin to the Very Young Child*, designed as a guide to teaching children as young as 4 years of age, to be published soon.

Under the aegis of Beachside, she has created and published several method series for teaching students — most notably the *Easy as Do-Re-Mi* and *One Step at a Time* volumes — and dozens of supplemental guides, scores, song collections, and dexterity exercises for violin, viola, cello, and bass.

This past February, Jennie Lou received a singular honor from the Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra (FSYO). At their annual Celebration of Music Education Concert honoring music educators throughout Central Florida for their “passion and dedication to the development of our future leaders,” she was named this year’s “Outstanding Music Educator.” Asked to comment, FSYO music director Andrew Lane said in part, “Jennie Lou is one of those wonderful teachers we think of when we see or hear the phrase ‘Thank a Teacher if ...’ She has inspired countless young musicians in the Central Florida area.”

But Jennie Lou is not “just” a teacher. She is a performer, having served as concertmaster and soloist with the International Cathedral Music Festival in Salisbury, Coventry, and London, England. Earlier she played first violin with the Dayton (OH) Philharmonic; Tampa (FL) Philharmonic; Johnstown (PA) Symphony; Orchestra Nova, Pittsburgh, PA; Westmoreland Symphony,

Greensburg, PA; and Brevard Symphony Orchestra, Melbourne, FL.

She is an innovator. In both Pennsylvania and Florida, she began string programs in public schools, started summer string camps, and conducted workshops. In 1985, she co-founded and served as executive director of the Somerset Music Festival and Summer School, which received national recognition for its outstanding program and roster of internationally acclaimed master teachers and soloists.

And an author. As noted above, she has written method books for the private teachers of violin, viola, cello, and bass, unison string method books for the classroom, and numerous etude and solo collections for beginning string students.

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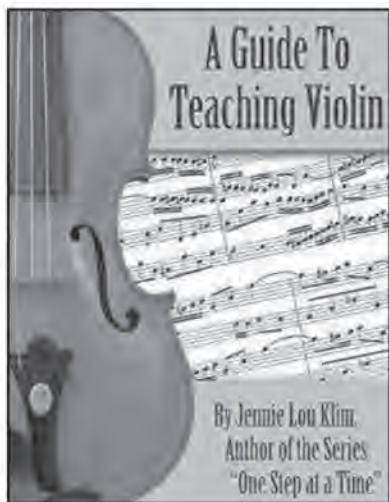
Jennie Lou grew up in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, home of Waynesburg College. At age 6, she began lessons with the college’s violin professor. As a high school teenager she met her first husband, John Harris, a Waynesburg student who lived in a dormitory next to Fredleys’ house. It became, Jennie Lou says, “his home away from home,” as he would visit and listen to her play while he studied. They married in 1959, but in January 1980 just short of his 46th birthday, John died. Six years later, Jennie Lou married Paul Klim, a Johnstown (PA) dentist and, of course, music lover. They now live in Florida, near her daughter, Amy, herself an accomplished violinist and teacher. (Jennie Lou’s teaching studio now consists of only very young students, so she sends them on to Amy for their advanced training. She credits Amy with providing guidance and encouragement in the writing of all her books.) Jennie Lou’s iden-



Jennie Lou Klim '58

tical twin sons took a different path, graduating from Penn State as aerospace engineers; one is still an engineer, the other, a high school history teacher. Jennie Lou is grateful for her loving family, which now includes nine grandchildren.

A violin performance major at Western, Jennie Lou naturally valued her opportunity to play with the Dayton Philharmonic. But she says, "... to have known Miss Knapp was a joy beyond words." It always comes back to the faculty.



She continues an active schedule of teaching, playing, and serving as a consultant or clinician. (And she finds time to round up news of her classmates once a year, having faithfully served her alma mater as *Bulletin* class rep for the past 12

years. See page 00.) Her former students play professionally as members of symphony orchestras, teaching privately and in public school systems. As Jennie Lou was being interviewed in March for this Profile, she spotted a mention on Facebook that one of her former students was giving a concert with his chamber orchestra from Indiana University (Bloomington) the next day — in South Korea! "These are my golden musical moments," she commented.

For more information, go to Jennie Lou's website: www.beachside-publications.com or join her music Facebook: Beachside Publications.

Julie Downing is the ultimate caregiver. In fact, she has gone a step further: Julie is a caregiver *to caregivers*. And she has turned her passion for caregiving into a personally fulfilling and diversified business, Caregivers' Comfort Creations, LLC.

For the first 16 years of her professional life, Julie worked in management at Illinois Bell in Chicago. But, she says, "As an ultra-independent entrepreneurial employee in a corporate world, I realized that corporate as an employee was not my calling." In 1985, she departed, becoming an independent consultant — developing, delivering, and marketing training to several Fortune 500 companies.



Julie Downing '69

Though expanding her impressive professional portfolio, Julie wasn't quite "there." Then it got personal. In 1995, her mother, in Cleveland, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, her 84-year-old father became primary caregiver, and Julie and her husband, long-distance caregivers. After many inadequate back-and-forth conversations and visits, Julie had her "aha!" moment: "Caregivers need daily reminders telling them how much they are loved and appreciated for what they do. When I could not be there daily to personally express my appreciation to my dad, I decided to create something that would and Caregivers Comfort Creations was born." Its very first product was the Caregivers' Comfort Journal and Record Book for her dad.

The Downings relocated from the northern Chicago suburbs to Sarasota, Florida, in 2001 and took in Julie's dad, experiencing dementia from several mini strokes after her mother's death. Julie was now herself a firsthand primary caregiver. She had come full circle. Combining years of corporate experience in HR and consulting with personal experience caring for several ill or aging family members, she was eminently qualified for a number of roles: guest speaker, workshop facilitator, columnist, event planner, and as an entrepreneur, product design and development.



Julie's latest creation is twofold: the Caregivers Calendar and Veterans' Caregivers Calendar. Following the plan of the original Journal, the calendars not only facilitate the obvious record-keeping chores but provide moral support. Like the Journal, the 16-month calendars, introduced in 2013, feature beautiful pictures, extra pages for resources and patient observations, inspirational messages, and tips on reducing stress. Popular as thank-you and incentive gifts for clients, the calendars are marketed to home health businesses, as well as assisted living and skilled nursing facilities. In addition, with promotional materials custom-designed by Julie, they can make an effective fundraising project for any organization.

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Originally from Cleveland, Ohio, Julie attended a small co-ed boarding school of approximately 215 students in Poughkeepsie, New York, and that experience pointed her in the direction of a private college. A Cleveland friend attending Western "had great things to say about it," and it didn't hurt that there was a large co-ed university across the street.

Julie cites the Honor System as one of Western's strongest influences, "being such a match with my upbringing and a reflection of attending a Friends (Quaker) boarding school." And, no surprise, her professors: "I fondly remember Dr. Donavon Auble, Ms. Margaret Barrier, Ms. Alice Blitch, and many others — who were excellent role models and exemplary in their fields and beyond."

As for that big school across the street? Julie met her future husband, Ted Downing (MU '68), the first day she arrived on campus. He had obtained a copy of the so-called Western "Baby Book," complete with pictures and hometowns of all entering freshmen, introducing them to their fellow Western students. "He spot-

ted my photo and came to check me out. The rest is history."

Indeed. Today retired from his many positions in 30-plus years in corporate management, Ted is president of Downing Champion Coaching and a certified Life Coach. He has appeared with Julie on TV and talk radio, at speaking engagements, and conducting workshops — including, Julie says, "a one-of-a-kind workshop that combines my passion for Caregiver Support with his Life Coaching and offers real tools and solutions for the challenges facing family Caregivers." The couple is also associated with Cornerstone LifeCare LLC (Julie as a Consultant, Ted, an Advisor), a network of professionals in Sarasota that provides options for living environments and personal services for "Aging Well and in the Right Place." Finally — both dedicated and involved alums of their respective alma maters — Ted is currently serving as president of the Miami University Alumni Association Board.

"Caregiving is quite possibly the hardest job in the world" is Julie's trademarked axiom. But would she apply it to herself? More likely she sees it not as a job but a calling.

To read more about Caregivers Comfort, their services and products, visit: <http://caregiverscomfort.com/>.

Who's Doing What, Where, When, and How!



Francesce Sutherland Larsen and her husband have celebrated two years in Florida, and she says it's great to be close to their daughter and family. "This Westminster Woods is lovely — full of action — however, downsizing is an all-around event," she writes. They keep up with music, plays, all kinds of events, plus "hearing the backgrounds of our residents is so fascinating." The campus is enormous — walks, trees, birds, lakes, so peaceful. However, moving at a slower pace has changed the number of things we accomplish. Bob and I are so glad we traveled as we did all over the world. We exchange with others our experiences." Francesce keeps up with DAR and PEO and concludes her update with, "So hope any in my class will get in touch. Western days are indeed beautiful days."

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Ann Winger Tuttle speaks for the class: "Big thanks to Betty Lee!" And thanks to you who have kept the communication lines open through the office since her retirement.

Ann writes in her Christmas letter of exciting genealogical discoveries in her mother's family that answered a 100-year-old mystery involving the disappearance of her mother's father. That led to new information about her mother's educational background and interesting sidelights: Ann's mother and grandmother, "very strong women," once managed a summer hotel in Epworth, MI,

where Thornton Wilder and his brother were waiters. Ann's daughter, Cynthia, "party organizer par excellence," gave Ann a 90th birthday dinner party at a lovely French restaurant.

As she wrote her letter from Irving, TX, Ann noted "leaves all over the place after an 80-degree day followed by a 24-degree night" plus a 3.2 magnitude earthquake that "shook the house, rattled the windows, and knocked a few pictures off a shelf." The cause could be a fault near Waco "which hasn't budged in 2 million years" or fracking. "I suggest the latter," Ann says.

Clara "Clid" Hunter writes: "Having (reached) the even number of 90 years, I am still enjoying life, but at a much slower pace. Continue to do a bit of driving, just around town, lots of reading, some church, volunteering, and am continuing to play cards with friends. I am happy to have good health."

From **Patricia Johnson Diebel**: "I can't identify a reason for writing when there have been so many years when I failed to do so. But I can give you a thumbnail sketch of almost 70 years that have been extremely good to me. I married a Miami graduate, Charlie Diebel, in 1949, and have lived in the northern suburbs of Cincinnati for most of the years since. For 24 years we lived across the road from what had been the horse stables owned by Betty Huttenbauer's [Betty Huttenbauer Heldman '49] family. Charlie and I have four children, two boys and two girls, 12 grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. One of our boys and his three sons live close by, so that if we need attention, they are available.

"Fortunately, while I wouldn't characterize us as hale and hearty, as we ease into our 90s we are happy and healthy. Since our retirement in 1999, we have done what we had dreamed of doing — living in Incline Village, NV, on the shore of Lake Tahoe, and spending much of our time traveling in our trailer throughout the U.S., including six trips to Alaska. After teaching for several years, I had been the curriculum director for a suburban school, a job that I enjoyed immensely.

"Now, in addition to traveling and treasuring each day with Charlie, I have written 'A History of Two Families' (took seven years) and am embarking on a gift for our children and grandchildren, 'The Best Years of Our Lives — Babies to Young Adults.' It will inspire me to win the race between completion and doddering old age.

"I enjoy reading about 1946 survivors and sincerely hope that you are as blessed and content as my husband and I are."

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Dear Class of '48, I have only a few notes to write down this year — as you sent so few cards, etc.

The first Christmas card brought good and bad news from Tom Rector. His children are just fine and visit often. The sad news was that **Jerry [Smith Rector]** passed away October 12, 2014, of respiratory issues. They had had 66 happy years together and Tom has many happy good times to look back on. I can't think of one twin without the other! It was always "the Smith twins," Jackie and Jerry. I know we are all saddened by the news and send love and best wishes to Tom, her husband.

Helen Grinnell sent a card and she has had a good year and keeps herself busy. She does worry about events going on in Detroit, selling the art from the Detroit Art Institute, etc. — but all is settled now and Detroit is coming along OK. A new mayor helps!

Jane Clapp Towne is a busy deacon in her church in Bismarck, ND. She has led a good life with loving children, a loving church, family, and friends, and 55 years with a good husband. She says to "be optimistic and thankful to God for our blessings."

I see **Ellen Sidall Zimmermann** or talk to her on the phone. She is fine and has three of her children living near to help her when needed. She sold her home in Canada, so that is one thing easier for her. It is very hard to go from the U.S. to Canada and back now — you need a passport or card now. Our potluck group of 50 years is long gone. Just

Ellen and I are alive and I do miss all of the talk, fun, and food we enjoyed.

As for me, I am just fine except for the knees that are not as good as before and a little asthma too. I do all the things old ladies do: read, knit, potluck suppers, church, movies, and swim. Two book groups thrown in also. A short trip to see my daughter in Ft. Lauderdale and sometimes to Newport, RI, to see my oldest one. In June, my whole family here (maybe 10-12) will fly to California for one grandson's wedding June 13 and one granddaughter's on June 20. Including my daughter in Florida and daughter and her husband in Newport, it will be a group! We have rented a home with a pool, etc., so that will be fun. One wedding is near Sacramento and the other near Los Angeles — maybe sight-see on the way down the coast.

This is the year of the *big snow* although last year had lots of snow also. I get upset because it is either war or terrorists or lots of snow. Take your pick and none is that good a pick! May you all have a good year and take good care of yourselves ...

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2014, as usual, was filled with travel and family gatherings by our class members.

Mary Sue Allen Gatzert traveled to Spain, and then to Naples, FL, to visit her sister **Sally Allen Masters '60**. Tudy is still enjoying good health and city life in Chicago.

Bob and **Nancy Ryan Rietz** were joined by their three sons and families at Orange Beach, AL, in February, then drove in their two antique cars to National meets during the summer. Sounds like the best places to be in both seasons, Nancy! Those car meets are much fun, even though it can get pretty hot in those old cars without air conditioning. I remember our trips with the Model As back in the '70s.

Marilyn Brown Vanvleet and Dave spend six months of the year in Florida and six months in the mountains of western North Carolina. Marilyn says that their many years of hiking and bicycle trips, serving as scout leaders and directing handbell choirs may be over, but they remain active. About two years ago, my bell choir just happened to play a piece which had been composed in honor of Marilyn's long service as a handbell director. It was such a surprise to see her name at the top of the page!

Joan Landenberger Trefts sent her usual holiday card with picture of her handsome family. I hope to see you again at reunion one of these years. It was so much fun talking and getting caught up when you were there in 2012.

Joanne Dubois Shafer phoned a couple of months ago. We had a nice chat. I hope that the Shafers will circle through Oxford again on one of their trips to Magic conferences and Navy reunions.

Catherine Ross Loveland says that she and Dick are extant and doing pretty well for their 84 years. I guess so, as their letter is filled with the many civic, church, social, and family activities they have enjoyed this past year. Catherine says that Dick enjoys his new office and has been working two or more days a week. Whatever happened to retirement, Dick?

I hate to get to the sad part of our news, but it does seem that we always have some to report.

Dr. Jo Ann Fley passed away in October after a long illness. **Joyce Rinkhoff Snell** and her daughter attended her memorial service in Champaign, IL. They also visited her the previous week and were able to



Elisa Kessler-Caporale '67 and Catherine Ross Loveland '52 discovered each other at the Miami winter college in Charleston, SC.

spend some time together. Jo, Joyce, and **Jean Fuller Lester** were classmates in Milford, OH, before they attended Western. I have many wonderful memories of Jo Ann, most of them filled with her great sense of humor. I shall miss the one or two letters which arrived each year. They were usually written late at night or very early morning, on yellow legal paper, and filled with one funny memory after another. I think that she remembered everything we did 1948-1952.

We also lost **Patricia Halfacre Bischoff** this year. After graduating from Western, Patsy had earned a master's degree in landscape architecture. She resided in Maine for many years.

This has been a difficult year for the Schrope family. We lost our son, Tom, in April, then my cousin **Barbara Wolf '55**. I had hoped that 2015 would be an improvement. We finally made the move to a condo in a retirement community and were just beginning to enjoy it when Dan was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. He is doing fairly well but has had to move to a nursing home as he needs more care than I can provide. The one bright spot right now is our new dog Muffin. He is a Shih Tzu with a great personality who keeps me company and amused as well. As I usually say, keep those cards and letters coming.

[Editor's note: Sadly, in March after the class notes deadline, Sue's husband, Dan, passed away. We offer her condolences and love on behalf of not only classmates but the extended Western family.]

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Western 1954, the 60-year class at the Reunion last June was represented by **Priscilla Strand Berry**, **Lucy Ann Liggett**, and **Virginia Cottingham Gamertsfelder**. I think many of us wished that we'd been there too, to see the changes to our campus, the new buildings going up, and the location for the proposed Legacy Circle.

Barbara Drake Mc Connell and her "little devil dog" have recently moved to Springmoor — Room 116, 1500 Sawmill Rd., Raleigh, NC 27615. Her children came to help her get settled and as part of the necessary "downsizing," Bar asked me to take over as our Class Rep. We all appreciate the years she handled that task and I hope I can continue with her warm and cheery tone. YOU have to help too, you know, by sharing something of your lives. My addresses are at the end of these notes.

Another one who has moved is **Elizabeth Renton Hale**, now at Marion Woods in Ocala, FL. Already she has begun to encourage her fellow residents to do better in separating and saving recyclables. Looking forward to spring, she will join in the work of expanding the butterfly garden there. Sharing work on a jig-saw puzzle, reading, and concerts are pleasant ways to fill her time.

Cornelia Roettcher Levine in Berkeley, CA, wrote that "she exercises at the Y, is part of an independent scholars group, and enjoys family and friends." Her sister had recently visited from Berlin and Corni plans to go see her this spring. Dealing with her husband's papers is an ongoing challenge.

Our world travelers, **Henk and Maria Van Waveren Smit** outdid themselves this year. Leaving from Hilton Head, they flew to Bangkok and on to Mandalay, going to see the ancient sites of Bagan with its temples and pagodas. Continuing on around the world they stopped in Paris to greet a new great-grandchild and his family. Dasha, the piano student they have encouraged and supported through the years, is becoming more and more accomplished and Mieke and Henk enjoy going to the musical events where she performs.

Lucy Ann Liggett went to Reunion '14 with her sister **Mary Jane Liggett Matson '49** and in the fall they had a family gathering at Myrtle Beach, SC, with her brothers (3) and sisters (2) and their spouses. Lucy is active in her Friends of the Library, book groups, and an occasional Elderwise class. (I love that title!)

Delores Randles Hutchinson had a fall during the winter which resulted in back surgery. After a spell in a rehab facility she is looking forward to getting back to her apartment. Her daughters have been a wonderful support team for Dee.

My husband Phil and I — **Sandra Franz Barnes** — are comfortable here at Birch Hill Terrace. Looking at the open fields where future cottages will be built, we are trying to develop and expand a butterfly garden with the milkweed plants that are so important to the regrowth of the Monarch butterfly population. We go to a swim exercise class at the Y and during our bitter cold winter that 90-degree pool was a welcome haven! I am part of the book discussion group and we both are on the editorial board for the monthly community newspaper.

Though our Class Notes only appear in the spring issue of the *Bulletin*, I hope you will share news and ideas with me at any time. Maybe when you read this? Or at Christmas time? With fond memories of our time together ...

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Today, as I write, is the last day of the frigid February of 2015, a month of record cold and snow in many states. Remember, Ladies? I can only assume that the lack of "blue cards" coming to my mailbox is the result of that snow and cold — most of you just couldn't get to a mailbox. You are excused. Of course, there was still e-mail — but I won't

be petty. To those of you I did hear from, thank you very much.

And for the rest of you — the writer in me has been toying with the idea of supplying fictional blue card information for you. I mean wouldn't you like to read: "(Your Name) is able to reveal for the first time that she was recruited by the CIA on graduation day and has spent the last 55 years living undercover in Pastavi, Belarus, where she posed as piano player/hostess of the Western Blue Bar there. Using her cover she was able to pass coded messages via 'requested' songs to her CIA contact **Gwen 'Mata' Gaston '54**, who also retired this year.' Do you really want me to improvise an entry like that for you, Ladies? No? Well, a word to the wise, and all that.

Before I begin, I am sorry to let everyone know that we have lost another class member, **Shirley Carlson Hoffman**, who died last November. I hadn't been in touch with Shirley in recent years, but I do remember how much I always admired her. If anyone has memories they'd like to share, please send them to me to include in our next class letter.

Have you heard the adage, "If you need help getting something done, ask the busiest person you know"? If that's true, how is this for busy? "I still go to the gym every day and work with my trainer twice a week. I am still a docent at the Birmingham Museum of Art, training on Mondays and touring on Fridays. I still do the mailing of the church news letter every other Wednesday. I am still in a study group, a book club, and a small Red Hat group and I play bridge once a month."

That is our own accomplished **Anne Welch Burnette**. Anne shows she is not Superwoman, though, by admitting that she is trying to cut down to one activity a day. The highlight of her year was attending the wedding of her eldest granddaughter, Elizabeth, to Charlie Shaffer, son of *Vogue* editor, Anna Wintour, and Dr. David Shaffer of Columbia University. With an engagement party given by Annette and Oscar de la Renta and a wedding dress made for her by the famous Oscar, Elizabeth's marriage certainly had an exciting start. Anne, it's no wonder you feel you are getting slower and slower — I would need an entire year to rest and recover from a happy event like that.

I know many people have serious reservations about Facebook, and I'll admit to being somewhat ambivalent about it, but it undeniably offers many delights. One of these for me is the chance it gives me to keep current with **Ingrid Roberta Hoover Chafee**. If you have a chance, check her Facebook page and scroll down until you see the photograph of her as a fellow octogenarian. It shows how beautifully one's face can age — a testament, I think — to a

brave and well-lived life. (And to good genes as well, I suppose.) And besides that, she and her Facebook "friends" voice the most interesting views on a variety of subjects.

Darlys Tracy Graham and I have managed to exchange phone calls several times this year, but we haven't managed to get together for quite a while, worse luck. Darlys and Jesse are happily settled in their home in Morgantown, close to Jesse's beloved Hill-top Farm where he still raises a number of farm animals. Sons Jeff and John live close enough to come by and visit fairly often. When Karl and I were driving to and from Maryland more frequently, we'd sometimes have a chance to stop in and have lunch with the Grahams — and I have several delicious recipes as mementos — Darlys is still one of the most accomplished cooks I know!

Mihrican Ozdemir Havens sent word that in April she plans to attend a 60th class reunion with her Robert College classmates in southern Turkey! I hope that by the time you read this her trip will have been as wonderful as she is hoping and that she will be safely back in North Carolina with husband Perry. Be sure to tell us how the trip went, Mihrican!

Speaking of intrepid travelers, my peripatetic former roommate, **Patty Van Auken Robinson**, spent several weeks early this year visiting various sites in southern India. She posted a host of beautiful, varied pictures on Facebook — everything from a silk-worm farm to the Mysore Palace. Following her trip by way of photos made India seem so less "foreign," so much more accessible to this mostly homebound friend. It is hardly surprising that Patty's husband, Jeff, opted out of this trip, because he and Patty had spent weeks in September and October traveling through Portugal and Spain. I have a feeling that the thought of sitting comfortably in his armchair with cat Betsy on his lap, as a Facebook picture shows, was enough to convince Jeff to stay at home in Saint Petersburg.

If you haven't heard of Northfield, MN, ladies, **Nancy Britton Soth** will happily fill you in with her new book, *Field Guide to Northfield*. She points out that Northfield heads *Money Magazine's* list of choice places for retirement. It's been listed elsewhere as the second best small city in the U.S. (quite an honor, considering how many small cities the nation has) and that it is home to Carleton College, rated the fourth best liberal arts college. With droves of prospective parents and students from all over the world coming to town all the time, Nancy is hoping to have a good market for her helpful book. But, being Nancy, she doesn't restrict the book to only information about town and college. Instead she manages to talk about growing old in the face of technological, social and language change. This is Nan-

cy's second book about Northfield (the first was *Fantasy Northfield*) and it's available on Amazon, of course (like just about everything else). I already have my copy, which I am enjoying thoroughly. Congratulations, Nancy — well done!

Last (alphabetically) but certainly not least of the classmates who checked in with me is, as usual, **Carol Lee Silvernail Swager**. I know that lots of us had 80th birthday celebrations that were special, but I imagine few of us had as many guests as Carol Lee did. Her six children and Tim's wife planned the celebration/family reunion, complete with a tented and catered dinner in the Swagers' yard for 80 of their family and friends. She wrote, "The 38 family members stayed for another week to enjoy the Montana mountains" and to enjoy the meals prepared by a special friend of hers. The sentiment in the last line of Carol Lee's e-mail is one I share wholeheartedly: "This year made us appreciate the love and care a family can share and a sense of belonging."

As for Karl and me, we look back on another year of feeling incredibly fortunate. True, we have our health problems, but who doesn't? The important thing is that all eight offspring and their families are happy and healthy. We have a new great-grandson, Stefannie and Eric's third son, named Michael Eric after his grandfather and father respectively. 2015 looks like being a good year for my writing. I just sold the manuscript for a picture book to be published by Charlesbridge and tentatively titled *Welcome to J. W. Riley, the Friendly School*, while *Sunday Shopping* comes out in April (picture book, Lee & Low) and *Jump Back, Paul* (middle grade biography of Paul Laurence Dunbar, Candlewick) is slated for September. [See page 27.]

Finally, an apology: I am fairly certain that some of you sent me news on or with Christmas cards, and that I put them all together in some place ready for when they were needed. But now, you guessed it, I Can't Find Them and I hesitate to try to resurrect your news from my disorganized, overcrowded memory bank. If by any chance you've never had this sort of senior citizen lapse, try to understand. I'll try to do better next time, or maybe I'll see you at Reunion in June (I hope) and I can apologize in person there. Have a good year, Ladies, and next year remember the warning in the first paragraph of this. You have been warned ...

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Polly Smith Venable, who now lives in the DC area with her daughter, has enjoyed attending Western Alumnae luncheons hoping to meet with other classmates. Her creative side shows up in her cross stitch and quilting techniques for donations to her church's Outreach and Mission Program.

June Regan Young loves life in New Hampshire but when the weather gets too cold, she and Dave head to Florida to soak up the sun. June continues to love her craft work and recently completed a fall show at the Contoocook Depot. In a recent trip to Florida, she and Dave had lunch with **Jennie Lou Klim**.

Carol Towne Schaub has been singing in the Sweet Adelines for 50 years. At the Regional Convention and Competition last April, she was inducted into the Regional Golden Girls club for 50-year members. She and Bud are "well and hanging in there. Glad that we are in Florida and not up north in all that snow."

Polly Martin Hawver and Derek have enjoyed life in DC for 40 some years. They are glad to have two of their three children in that area so they can get together with grandchildren often and watch them grow into adulthood. They visit their daughter's family in San Francisco every Christmas and see all three families at Rehoboth Beach, DE, every summer. Both Polly and Derek are very active in the Presbyterian church where they met at the youth group in the ninth grade. She is also active in the Woman's Club of Chevy Chase, where her mother was a member in the 1940s when the club members took on the responsibility of trying to spot enemy planes during the war. She found Western graduate **Anne Mack Dean '47** at the WCCC and they enjoy each other's company at music performances, luncheons and working special projects. She also finds the classes for seniors sponsored by Johns Hopkins University very stimulating. Continued education is lots of fun — no tests or papers — just super knowledgeable professors who have had major careers in journalism as well as former foreign ser-

vice officers, ex-CIA officer, English and art professors, and an opera lecturer. She encourages Western friends to visit her in Kensington anytime.

Phyllis Yeamans Bailey writes "My husband is ill with CBD and we had to close ORCHIDbabies three years ago. I've been a full-time caregiver for him, as he and I have stayed in our wonderful home in the woods on the Little Cahaba River. Our children have been very supportive and often come to help and visit." Their son, Jim, has published *The End of Healing*, a gripping historical novel that shines the light of truth on the medical industry.

The life of **Jocelyn Wilkins Wilks** revolves around family, community activities/concerns, her house and garden. She feels very fortunate to have all four children and their families living in the Washington, DC, area which makes visiting back and forth easy. Her 10 grandchildren range in age from 11 to 31, in grades six through grad school. They help keep her abreast of the current trends and the latest electronic technology. At the moment her project is transferring the info from an old iPad to a new one. E-mail keeps us connected to old friends. She enjoys living in a heterogeneous community of all ages, and being vice president of her civic association and on the board for five years.

She writes, "I am also involved in various focus groups and studies as my neighborhood is growing and being impacted by change. My philosophy is if you don't get involved in civic matters you have no one to blame but yourself if you don't like the outcome. For the past 2½ years, I have been involved with an interesting study called Aging in Place, which helps seniors remain in their homes. There is lots of help and activities for seniors but it's a matter of getting them in the loop. We are hoping to start a Village, which is taking Aging in Place a step farther.

"I guess what I am getting at is as we get older I feel it is important to keep in the mainstream of life. To do this is to keep active, make a difference in your community and maintain interests or develop new ones. I love to write stories for and about grandchildren, and granddogs (these are written in the first person) paint, read, and, of course, garden. By gardening I don't mean you have to go out and 'plow the back 40.' You can have a pot garden on a deck, in a sun room or just on a sunny window sill. Although I have a vegetable garden, my best grape tomatoes this past summer were grown in a pot on my deck. To have a garden means you believe in tomorrow. We all need a reason to climb out of bed in the morning."

Esin (Aka) Atil has been retired for several years. She is enjoying peace and quiet in

their compact apartment where she discovered a room called "kitchen," which has wonderfully functional tools that cook and store besides providing ice for her drinks and water for her tea. Will wonders ever cease?

Juli Beasley Kinchla writes, "I am spicing up my retirement with a move to yet another beautiful spot. Among the many things I will miss about Texas: doctors in jeans, drivers on back country roads who courteously pull onto the shoulder to let you pass, dentists who sing along with the country songs on their background music, wading through boots and saddles to get to the counter at the shoe repair shop, gorgeous hill country drives. But most of all, the two most adorable Texans on the planet. My new home: 13 Lilac Way, Ventura, CA 93004, which is, happily, an hour up the road from a couple other sweet, amazing grandsons."

It became necessary for Gary to put his wife, **Judy Weir Vandergriff**, in a nursing facility where she is receiving excellent care for her dementia. Anyone wishing to send her a card may at: 1380 E. County Line Rd. S., Indianapolis, IN 46227 Room 509.

Jane Smucker Fryman writes, "As your representative on the WCAA Board of Trustees, I want to encourage you to support our wonderful Western College Legacy Circle project, pictured on the Fall 2014 *Bulletin*. The design and location are ready. The Board's message is ready. Is your support ready? Thanks to those who have already sent contributions, which have enabled us to reach over 90 percent of our goal."

Editor's note: Jane not only serves on the Board, but was recently appointed chair of an important ad hoc committee: the Patterson Place Letter Folding and Envelope Stuffing Committee. When there's an office emergency — such as the need to mail the Patterson Place announcement right now — who you gonna call? Well, someone who lives in Oxford for starters. And someone who's always ready and willing to help.

As I, Jennie Lou, prepared these notes for the *Bulletin*, I thought of two quotations which seemed to go hand in hand. "Into each life, some rain must fall. Some days will be dark and dreary" and "When one door closes, another opens." We have been challenged with our own health issues or those of our loved ones. We have retired from a life's work and found alternate ways to spend our time and energy. We have had to say good-bye to loved ones and find the strength to move on.

Except for some demonstration, I am not playing my violin any more, but have poured more energy into teaching and writing method books (32 are listed on Amazon.com). [See *Profile*, page 11.] I am grateful for renewed connections with treasured friends.

I think of you when I hear tunes that we borrowed for our many serenades, and I remember special times during those years together at Western.

Together, we have reached the time in life when discs are wearing down, eyes have grown dim, skin has wrinkled, and healthy cells are resisting enemy cells. We remember the poems learned in junior high school but can't remember what we had for lunch. But, something else has happened — we have learned to love more deeply, to appreciate each other more keenly, and have reached an understanding of what life is really all about. I believe we have paid the price for the golden years. I send my love to each of you ...

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Alumnae Weekend '15: Celebrating 55 years!

55 YEARS OUT AND COUNTING! **Betty Milligan Kipp** reports from Savannah that she is happy to be walking easily again after double hip surgery — "too cheap to do one at a time." Last fall she and husband Don spent time on the northern West Coast visiting son Scott and family in Seattle and granddaughter Katie in premed at the U. of Washington, attending a wedding in Portland, and driving south to Crater Lake and Hood River. February had them in Florida college shopping and a visit to **Marlene Fink McGonigle '59** in Vero.

News from **Jackie Power Sheldrick** includes bridge and golf plus lots of trips, mostly with fellow widows. She enjoyed Ireland for two weeks last summer; spent time with sister **Toni Power Johnson** and family in New Jersey; and rented a condo in Indian Rocks Beach, FL, for two weeks during this past miserable winter.

Ann Hammond in Tustin, CA, visited her hometown of Cincinnati for three weeks over Christmas. Just long enough to remind her how much she doesn't miss the cold and snow! Her major adventure last year was a



Susie Williams Keefer, husband Jay, and 17 other family members

trip on a working ship in Norway. More cold weather, but she also saw the amazing northern lights.

Sara White Arn is offering some insider trader information. Seems joint replacements are on the up-swing if her family is any indication. Sara had a hip replaced this spring to "match" the knee that was replaced over two years ago. In the interim daughter Sally borrowed the recovery apparatus for her hip replacement. The Arn family added another member (that's 19 total to date) when granddaughter Courtney married.

Health issues have been the main concern for **Connie Everett Cunningham** this year. At the end of a cruise from Boston to Montreal to Nova Scotia, she had to return to Santa Cruz. Turns out she had liver abscesses and ended up in the hospital for three weeks dealing with added problems from pneumonia to AFib to congestive heart failure. She realizes that turning 77 was a privilege!

Nancy Johnson Marshall writes from Eagle, ID, that after losing husband Ron almost two years ago, she has finally adjusted. She keeps busy playing too much bridge (shades of Clawson Hall days) and spending time with her kids and grandkids both locally and in the Bay area. Together they enjoy hiking, snow and water sports, and trips to the family cabin. This past February she spent time in and around Cuba on a 48-passenger sailboat. The rest of her time has been spent on various medical procedures — unfortunately a common theme!

I always love hearing from **Izzie Oteo De Martinez**. She spent time with her sister in Durham, NC, over Thanksgiving and was reminded that her first Thanksgiving at Western was spent with **Susie Williams Keefer's** very kind family. That's where she touched snow for the first time! She then traveled to daughter Paty's house in New York to welcome her fifth granddaughter. Although she claims no talent, she has joined a choir back home in Mexico City.

Jay and **Susie Williams Keefer** had a "Christmas" celebration in July when their family, totaling 19 from around the country, met for a week at a large house on the Outer Banks. Their ninth grandson out of 10 arrived too late to be in the picture.

From Naples, FL, **Sally "Doodie" Allen Masters** has decided that no news is not bad for a 76-year-old! She continues with her usual many activities: tennis team, golf, nature center volunteer, Pilates, summer travels to kids and friends. She keeps up with classmate **Jo Masson Manougian** in Tampa and, every now and then, with **Sher-ry Lewis Newkirk '59** in Connecticut.

Our most prominent classmate, **Cathy Bauer Cooper**, continues to beautifully and artfully edit our semi-annual *Western Bulletin*. When not working on our behalf, she and husband Coop keep up with their busy grandtwins — Tessa and Nicholas — in New York. On the other coast, son Matt is the assistant director of communications for the U. of Oregon's College of Arts and Sciences, which includes editing their alumni magazine. Talk about trees and falling apples! Sister **Judy Bauer '62** spent lots of time at home last fall following hip surgery. All of this news was sent from the Island of St. Simons where the Coopers "rode out" January and February.

Barbara Kong Vlachos in a last minute report from Hawaii tells of a series of mini-reunions that took place on her island: **Nia "Billie" Jones Terry '63** spent two nights with **Doris Ning Wong's** sister, Lily, who lives there and one night with Barb. They had a lovely lunch with **Rowena Toomey** and her sister, Carol. Doris and Rowena are both class of '62. That evening, they called **Isabel Oteo De Martinez** in Mexico City and had a most joyous re-connect!! **Sydney Stout Benson** and family visited in April. And **Corinne Tietjens Sommer '61** will be in Hawaii in May to attend her granddaughter's graduation from high school. Fond Aloha to All!

The **Bensons, Sydney Stout** and husband Pete, continue their travels. They did a big ship Caribbean cruise with son Scott and family, starting in Puerto Rico. Then off to Oregon last summer to visit family and friends. Fall trips to the Finger Lakes in New York and then Florida were topped off by spending Christmas with family in California and a spring trip to Hawaii.

Carol Cooper Henry is enjoying retirement while husband Bill continues part time orthopedic surgery for his veterinary practice. The Henrys will travel to Hawaii to cheer on two of their children in a half-Ironman Triathlon in May and a full one in Canada later in the summer. Other son Bill lives in California and edits films for TV and the theater. He had been poised to work on *Master Class*, starring Meryl Streep, for HBO under director Mike Nichols when Nichols sadly and suddenly died last fall.

From Newburgh, IN, **Patty Rees Dewey** writes now that husband Dennis is a fully retired lawyer they have enjoyed traveling. Last spring they cruised from Miami to Nice, France, where they were able to meet up with son Joe who is stationed in Germany. They also reunited later in the year at the Reeses' condo on Singer Island, FL. Son James works for Fresh Market at their headquarters in Greensboro, NC, where he and his wife coordinate the busy and varied lives of four young children — each in a different school!

Lots of big decisions was the theme of this past year for **Claudia White Gilmartin's** family. From weddings to college and grad school choices to moves. Whit's challenge was to find time to spend with each of them. She also met up with **Betty Milligan Kipp** for breakfast while Betty was in Maine. Whit spent 10 days in Sarasota last year with the Friendship Force, the home-hosting exchange group, and this winter they met in Ottawa. She also hosted a lady from Australia as part of this program.

I guess the traveler-of-the-year prize goes once again to **Kathleen Howard Sutherland**. A sightseeing visit to Paris, where they rented an apartment via AIRBNB, included a visit to Bayeux in Normandy. They summer-vacationed in a Maine cottage by the sea. They spent time in The Villages in Florida where a group of graduates from Kathie's Cairo American School enjoyed a three-day reunion. During a break from studying and teaching at the Senior College, they took a Panama Canal cruise that included a number of stops along the way and an excursion from Colon on the Caribbean side over to the Pacific.

Classmate **Valerie Clark Cook**, who was only with us her freshman year, wrote with a lovely family story: When her grandmother turned 100, Val's grandson Tyler was born. Recently Tyler and his wife, Laura, had

a baby while Val's mother was still alive at 99. Two different sets of five generations in one family! I'll bet that doesn't happen too often.

Mary Flagler Rachau has been battling spinal stenosis for more than two years. After trying lesser measures she had a laminectomy which only partially helped. Her next choice was fusion surgery in late March. Needless to say square dancing has been on the back burner for a while. She reports dating a wonderful guy who has been very supportive throughout and has "even" taught her to text!

Ed and I are once again in flux. We decided it was time to downsize and move to a condo while we still had the strength and energy to pull it off. Once our house is sold we will be locating back in Wilton, Conn. Trips to Maine, New Jersey, Florida and Toronto kept us on the road a bit last year and our first of four granddaughters will be heading to college in the fall. As Connie expressed, how lucky we are to be turning 77 this year.

*Sadly, news of the death of classmate **Rosie Wood Dyer** reached us only recently. Rosie passed away December 30, 2011. Our belated but heartfelt condolences to her family.*

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The **Hubbell** news includes seven aging grandchildren (19-12), a second-year student at UVA, two high school seniors, two high school freshmen, and two in seventh grade. The seniors are getting set for college next fall. "Grandma Judi" visited the Bredes in Richmond, VA; a relative in Charlotte, NC; and attended Elie Starfeldt's confirmation in Bloomington, MN, in October. Number 4 daughter Lucy was a leader in the Fulton Church Varsity Club Kenyan Journey Mission Education Trip, June 24-July 2. Nine leaders and 17 high school students went.

A Christmas Card arrived from **Rowena Toomey**. Rainy weather in Honolulu at Christmas.

News from **Nancy Smith Carlson**: Walter, 78, has been ailing, but they were to get on their way to Williamsburg and Florida. Hurricane Sandy left them with much lawn and garden work. Nancy still sings in their church choir, cutting back on other civic involvements.

Donna Shalala is stepping down as president of the University of Miami at the end of the school year. A close friend of Hilary Clinton's, she has been named president/CEO of the Clinton Foundation.

Hoping all is well with everyone ...

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Greetings to Western classmates and friends! May 2015 be an auspicious year for you — a year of good health, love, peace and continued growth! We send our thanks to those of you who have shared your news of the past year and hope that more of you will get and keep in touch as this year progresses.

Our 50th Reunion was very well-celebrated at Western. While the campus is changing to suit the needs of a modern university, know that most of our favorite places remain — refurbished, well cared for, and eminently recognizable and welcoming — cherished by visiting alums, who seek to rekindle memories of their undergraduate years, and current students alike. Consider this an invitation to return to Western. Feel the spirit. It still lives on our beautiful campus.

Nancy Fierbaugh Collier was sorry to have missed our reunion, but the dates conflicted with several family happenings. In June, she and Dick traveled to Providence, RI, where they enjoyed visiting with a son and doing some sightseeing there, and then to

Boston to visit their grandson, who was completing his undergraduate degree at Boston U. They walked the Freedom Trail and also visited Lexington, Concord, and New Bedford. "Three days after returning home, I broke my ankle for the third time. Surgery was needed; and, thus, I am now 'bionic' with a plate and several screws in the ankle." Though "grounded" for much of the summer, Nancy was back on her feet in early September, where all continues to go well. "I keep quite busy as president of my P.E.O. chapter, on the Women's Board at church and with several outreach ministries with Dick. We plan to travel in May to two different grandsons' graduations (high school and college). Also, we hope to get to Florida in March to see some of the Nationals spring training games (and maybe warm some bones)."

Faith Evans spent 2014 in transition, getting used to being retired, and enjoying more free time. "I had worked as a clinical social worker for about 38 years, and so developing my own goals and structure was challenging. No more people problems to listen to. I have found I keep my social work values, and periodically meet people with heavy issues, but they are not my clients, just people I bump into. Last year, I went to my 50th Reunion at Western. It was wonderful. Could not have been better. Wish we all lived closer! Then, last summer, I had some major maintenance issues at my summer camp in Maine, i.e., an antique wooden boat sinking. It's now repaired and I am still paying for it. This was followed by catching Lyme disease in August, but, fortunately, it was caught early and I'm fine." Faith still spends much time hiking and belongs to three hiking groups, including the AMC. She has taken on some administrative tasks in one committee and learned a lot. Among other Western alumnae, Faith keeps in touch with **Vivien Forbes**, **Arlene Branca**, **Judy Fogt**, and **Marcia Oder** and is now looking forward to our next reunion.

Of our 50th reunion, **Gay Nellis Walker** wrote, "It was so much fun to see everyone, especially those I haven't seen in 50 years! Isn't it amazing that we all look so much the same as we did then?" But she also found her visit to campus to be "a mixed bag. I know that change is inevitable, but somehow, the new dining room practically under the arches of the Mary Lyon bridge was too much." Gay reports that she had lunch in Richmond with **Linda Roscoe Felicetti**, and they talked for hours. "I love it when I can visit with old friends, and it seems like we pick up right where we left off, no matter how long it has been." While referring to the rest of the year as "much the same as all the others," Gay noted that 2015 began in a more challenging way, as she got a bladder infection on New Year's Day that has been hard to shake off. She continues to sing in the local symphony chorus. "Last May we performed the Brahms Requiem, a superb

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Janet Graham King '39
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Alumnae Weekend Gifts

Anniversary year classes contributed **\$9,215.**
Non-anniversary year classes contributed **\$11,466.**
Western Program contributed **\$250.**

TOTAL ALUMNAE WEEKEND GIFTS \$20,931

All gifts supported the WCAA Legacy Fund.

Club Gifts

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TOTAL CLUB GIFTS \$150

WESTERN COLLEGE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION, INC.

STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE MODIFIED CASH BASIS December 31, 2014 and 2013

ASSETS	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Cash	\$317,526 (b)	\$124,376 (b)
Investments (Market Value)	223,774 (c)	223,715 (c)
Other Assets		
Antiques and Art	39,875	39,875
Gift Shop Inventory	11,787	9,706
Total Other Assets	51,662	49,581
TOTAL ASSETS	\$592,962	\$397,672
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Sales Tax Payable	11	\$11
Fund Balance	592,951	\$397,661
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$592,962	\$397,672

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND FUND BALANCE MODIFIED CASH BASIS Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

REVENUES	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Alumnae Giving:		
Annual Fund Gifts	\$52,037 (d)	\$87,731 (d)
Legacy Gifts	206,098 (d)	11,685 (d)
Reunion Gifts	18,321	19,372
Endowment Gifts	90,905 (c)	82,593 (c)
Total Giving	367,361	201,381
Other Revenues and Additions:		
Reunion Weekend Revenue	12,609	13,388
Gift Shop, Patterson Place, Misc. Revenue	2,549	5,000
Interest and Dividend Income	2,818	2,323
Gain (Loss) on Investment	4,199	24,679
Total Other Revenues and Additions	22,175	45,390
TOTAL REVENUES and ADDITIONS	\$389,536	\$246,771

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND FUND BALANCE MODIFIED CASH BASIS, continued

EXPENSES	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Alumnae Relations (including <i>The Bulletin</i> , Clubs, and Annual Reunion)	\$34,797	\$40,499
Fundraising and Stewardship	8,268	6,157
Legacy Project Expenses	15,000	0
Operations	15,933	11,448
Patterson Place Expenses	641 (e)	6,102 (e)
Peabody Hall Porch Furniture	0	9,848 (f)
Education: (g)		
Sponsorships: Freedom Summer/Theatre Archives	4,058	0
International Scholarships	1,780	352
Peabody Scholarships	4,394	4,795
Other Scholarships	4,450	2,200
Total Education	14,682 (g)	17,089 (g)
TOTAL EXPENSES	89,321	91,143
TRANSFERS		
Annual/Reunion Gifts to MU Foundation and Miami University Fund	17,070	25,670
Endowment Gifts to MU Foundation	87,855 (c)	82,593 (c)
TOTAL TRANSFERS	104,925	108,263
TOTAL EXPENSES/TRANSFERS	194,246	199,406
Increase in Fund Balance	195,290	47,365
Fund Balance Beginning of the Year	397,661	350,296
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$592,951	\$397,661

(a) The above Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance - Modified Cash Basis and Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Fund Balance - Modified Cash Basis were prepared using the modified cash basis of accounting. Assets and liabilities are recorded and revenues and expenses are recognized on the cash basis, modified for sales tax payable and unrealized gains and losses from investments.

(b) Cash of \$317,374 is held by Miami University for the benefit of the WCAA.

(c) WCAA Investments and WCAA Endowment Accounts are held by the Miami University Foundation for the benefit of the WCAA.

(d) Annual Fund Gifts reported in 2013 of \$99,416 were restated as \$87,731 to identify \$11,685 attributed to Legacy Gifts. As of Dec. 31, 2014, \$217,783 of the \$350K Legacy Circle Gifts needed to construct the Legacy Circle have been given. The Legacy Circle commemorates The Western College for Women.

(e) Funded by revenues from the use of Patterson Place.

(f) Project funded by individual donor.

(g) Education expenses listed are from Annual Fund gifts only. They are supplemented by distributions from WCAA Endowment Funds as available.

In addition to the above figures, for fiscal year 2013-2014, Miami University provided allotments of \$180,708 for salaries and benefits.



WCAA ALUMNAE SCHOLARSHIPS

Casey Strong Gallagher
Kevin Schrock
Julie Mullen

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Fritzi Mueller Beckett Scholarship
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Mary West Liggett Scholarship

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Christina Thompson

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Krystal Snowden
Maura Prince
Stephanie Posillico

Mary Wylie Wilson Scholarship

Jade Bristol

General Peabody Scholarship

David Curl
Mark Bell

Matthew Eisenmann

Paul Richmond

Todd Merritt

Ashley Dawes

Ashley Reynolds

Beth Ann Davis

Coya Nelms

Jannsy Guevera

Michelle Workman

Molly Little

Sabrina Cox

MULTI-CULTURAL INTERNATIONAL

Grace Chu Scholarship

Hamza Malik (Pakistan)

Mboya Family Scholarship

Nancy Otero (Kenya)

Herrick Black Young Scholarship

Ayush Damani (India)

Nancy Otero (Kenya)

International Student Scholarship

Ayush Damani (India)

Nancy Otero (Kenya)

Multicultural Scholarship: International

Ayush Damani (India)

MULTICULTURAL U.S. RESIDENT

R/LV Scholarship

Jacob Isas Delo

Michael Donnelly

Rachel Kaczka

Susan Ray Woodworth Scholarship

Micayla Spiros

Lydia Zimmerman Scholarship

Landon Drumm

Pauline Fisher

Ariana Ruiz

Hannah Thomas

Graham Von Carlowitz

General Study Abroad Scholarships

Zach Jones

Matthew Malec

Jonathan Meyer

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Evans Smalley

Ye Wang

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Ian Anderson

Ethan Arko

Kelsey Baesman

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Melanie Bukovec

Eleanor Callinan

Camerin Colby

Alexandria Cooper

William Dimas

Landon Drumm

Paulina Fisher

Taylor Forbes

Emily Gibson

Adm Greehling

Garrett Gust

Haley Hammond

Heather Harp

Olivia Hines

Nicole McKee

Saurabh Mehta

Brandon Sonoda

Multicultural Scholarship: U.S. Resident

Adam Jorge Joesten

Garrett Joseph Stevenson

STUDY ABROAD

Faith Wilcox Barrington Scholarship

No Award

Jean Boyd Cable Scholarship

Graham Von Carlowitz

Meghan Kane

Jessica Lemond

Florence Prendergast Cockerell Scholarship

Garrett Gust

Rachael White

Koons Family Scholarship

No Award

Lois Wiggins Newman Scholarship

Reis Gentry Thebault

Garrett Gust

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2014- 2015 Scholarship Recipients

THE NARKA NELSON CIRCLE

WESTERN'S PLANNED GIVING SOCIETY

Narka Nelson – earnest student in the Class of 1920, passionate classics professor until retirement in 1965, official college historian – made a very generous gift to Western College before the college was closed. However, since her inheritance first provided for members of her immediate family, it was many years before the gift came to Western.

Unable to thank Narka for her gift, the WCAA Board of Trustees decided to establish a special “society” to thank in advance those individuals who have made a gift that continues “the spirit of Western” on campus through a deferred giving instrument such as a charitable gift annuity, pooled income fund, charitable trust, IRA, or bequest.

The individuals listed below have done just that. We are grateful to them for their foresightedness and generosity. They invite you to join them.



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Beth Shirk Bevan '45
Nancy A. Myers '46
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Grete Stern Wrede '51
Elizabeth Sipe Gerber '52
Catherine Ross Loveland '52
Sue Off Schroepe '52
Gloria Wilson Sylvester '52
Betty Jean Wright '52
Mary Culver Daniels '53
Sandra Franz Barnes '54
Miriam Chesslin '54
Lucy Liggett '54
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Mary Ann Fichtner Mountain '57
Rosa Ewing Goldman '58
Caroline Kawallek Manildi '58

Ann Ferguson Zeigler '59
Anne Adkins Weissenborn '61
Susan Berryhill Hill '63
Joan Kowalski Jordan '63
Lynne Drucker Albukerk '64
Faith A. Evans '64
Yvette Small Hohler '64
Patricia Spokes Snowden '64
Faith W. Barrington '65
Charlotte A. Dickerson '66
Ann E. Walton '66
Patricia A. Jayson '68
Barbara Williamson Wentz '68
Mary Kelly Felice '70
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Lorna Jordan '81
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If you have included the WCAA in your deferred giving plans and your name is not listed or if you wish to learn more about becoming a member of the Narka Nelson Circle to help continue the legacy of Western College, please contact Mackenzie Becker Rice, WCAA Director. (513) 529-4400, e-mail: beckerml@miamioh.edu

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piece of music. Now we are working on Vaughan Williams' Sea Symphony. I'm growing to love it, and hope the audiences do, too, in May." Furthermore, the family is doing well. "All the grands are excelling at school, from kindergarten to Grade 10. The older two are also excelling at soccer, while the 9-year-old continues to amaze me with her artistic abilities." Gay concluded her update by saying she looked forward to hearing everyone's news.

Sydney Schiller Pfeifer wrote that soon after attending "our wonderful 50th reunion", she and Dean set off for their adventure in Scotland. "We walked on the John Muir Way from one coast of Scotland to the other...134 miles! We had the time of our lives — just us two adventurers walking along! We stayed in B&B's along the way. I'd recommend that you try it. Beautiful countryside and charming villages." She added, "We continue to cheer for the Purdue Boilermakers and drive from our cottage in Connecticut to all the home games. We have nine grandchildren in all. Some live too far away for my liking, but they all come to visit us in Wolfeboro, NH, during the summer."

Jan Wood Beaven wrote, "The main thing I want to say is how much I enjoyed being at Western and seeing everyone at the Reunion in July 2014. My first, so there were many years/events to catch up on. You can find me here in Boston on Beacon Street, an easy walk to the Symphony, the Museum of Fine Arts, Trinity Church, and Beacon Hill Seminars ... all of which give meaning to my life. I continue to be an active member of nonprofit boards ... thinking about how each institution can be effective. This year, I joined a regional board for continuing care retirement communities in New England. In November, I attended a national meeting of all Erickson Living communities, a helpful introduction to my new role. Summers have been totally fun. Kirsten's and Anne's families spend time with me in Kennebunk. All the grands attend a day camp on the shore where they participate in activities ranging from drama to art to paddle boarding to sailing to boat building. I have just had a post-Christmas visit to Costa Rica with my daughter Anne and her family. What a lovely country, what a good time." Jan sends her best wishes to all.

Betty Treiber Ahrens found time to write between snow storms. She continues to volunteer at the local historic theater, remains active with the local historical associations, and spent the last year as board member of the local health center. Betty and Bill have been taking bridge lessons in NYC, and she notes that the rules are certainly different from college days, "or maybe I didn't know or play by the rules back then." They visited Bill's sister and family in Germany in September. "Bill flew home to take care of the dogs and I flew on to Italy to meet some girlfriends. We stayed in an old

farmhouse/villa about 40 minutes northeast of Florence and drove around Tuscany for a week. We had such a great time that we're going to try and coordinate meeting again in September." Betty was especially looking forward to escaping the cold and snow by driving with Bill to Bonita Springs, FL, for a month-long stay, visiting friends along the way.

Pat Scott e-mailed, "2014 was the year I choose to forget. Some years are like that... I am hoping 2015 will be a better year. Hope does spring eternal!"

Carolyn Moss Ford sent her regrets that she was unable to attend our Reunion. She felt the need to be home to greet her son Andrew, who was returning home after a year of traveling the globe. After working for three years as a veterinarian in Ontario, Andrew saved enough money to take the year off. He drove across Canada and hiked Gros Morne in NFLD and then to the West Coast, where he hiked the West Coast trail on BC's coast, and where he met Jen, a nurse from Edmonton. He then traveled through South America, to Easter Island, to New Zealand, (where Jen met up and spent three weeks with him), then to the Philippines, Cambodia, Thailand (where Jan and he met up again), China, South Africa, and England to visit relatives, and then returned home in June. Andrew now lives with Jen and works in Edmonton.

Mossy reports that this has been a wonderful year for the Fords. They celebrated the arrival of their first grandchild, Lena, who was, at the time of writing, 9 months old. "We only wish that they lived closer. Thanks to Skype, we stay in touch and can enjoy those wonderful developments. Melissa and Dan are flourishing with parenthood, and David and I love being grandparents. They joined us last July at the cottage and again at Christmas, when the entire family joined us ... great family fun." Mossy continues to organize the advertising for their lake Newsletter and now has a team of six helping her. She organizes volunteers with the Garden Club of Toronto in the Canadian Helen Keller Garden, a garden for the deaf and blind, working weekly from April to October, and finding this work very rewarding. "I've hung up my skis but enjoy X-country skiing and snow shoeing at the cottage ... we've had a bitterly cold winter this year." Mossy ends her e-mail saying, "Congratulations to all who have committed themselves to seeing the Western legacy continue."



Carolyn Moss Ford '64 and some of her family

Judy White Fogt sent her greetings from the Nation's Capital. She was hoping all the snow was not dampening the spirits of classmates in the Midwest and New England ("I'm thinking of you, **Faith**, in Massachusetts.") Judy wrote, "I am preparing to leave for somewhere warm and sunny — actually hot and sunny — the country of Togo in West Africa next to Ghana. My daughter Elizabeth moved to Togo in October with her two boys (4 and 6) and her husband, Steve, who has gone into the Foreign Service and is now the Political Officer at the Embassy in Lome. They are having quite an adventure, speaking French, new culture and food, and waiting for the delivery of their car, which was shipped from the States in early October. I will meet Elizabeth in Paris for three days and will fly down to Togo, where I will stay three weeks. I am excited to see the country."

Judy next wrote about the birth of her newest grandchild, a baby girl named Charlie, born to her younger daughter, Susanne, and husband Bear while Judy was hospitalized and recovering from an operation to remove a brain tumor. Fortunately, the tumor was benign, and Judy has experienced a very good recovery, which she attributes to a wonderful surgeon ("younger than my youngest child") and years of yoga. "I have all my energy back but am still getting used to letting my hair go gray." She thanks dear Western friends who have been wonderfully supportive, especially **Arlene Branca** and **Carol Butcher**, and enjoys visits with **Daphne Ostle Allen**, who comes to DC several times a year to visit family. Judy still speaks French weekly and reads books in French with the same group she's been with for 30 years. She looks forward to practicing French in Togo and to visiting French restaurants there. While sorry to be unable to attend our 50th (she was convalescing in

June), Judy looks forward to seeing the campus at our 55th.

Patricia Snowden shared her good news: "After 18+ years, Juliane is moving back to Washington next week! She is buying a condo in Friendship Heights. Of course, that means my trips to NYC to visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the opera with her will end, although we'll probably go up together a couple of times a year." Patricia traveled to the Baltic States, St. Petersburg, and Helsinki in July with her Washington Opera and Wolf Trap friend. She found this trip to be "an eye-opener as to the history of the Baltics. They are lovely people who live for the moment because they are in such fear of Putin pulling a Crimea trick on them. The whole area has beautiful countryside and cities. St. Petersburg was also an eye-opener, especially in light of *Sunlight at Midnight*, a book on the history and culture of the city that was recommended reading by Odysseys Unlimited (the tour company)."

Patricia also wrote about her upcoming move, probably in June, from her three-story, 3,000-square-foot house to a 1050-sq.-ft. apartment at Knollwood, a continuing care community in DC for retired military officers and their wives or widows. She had been thinking about moving there eventually, but moved up the decision when she "fell in love with the apartment's light-filled rooms and high ceilings." Juliane is especially relieved about her making this move, as she had been worried about her mom's living alone and continuing to cope with stairs, given her history of falls. Patricia has begun sorting through and getting rid of 34 years' accumulation, "a huge task." Because of the move, Patricia regrets that she will miss attending the June Reunion, though she has just returned to the WCAA, Inc. Board. Patricia sees **Alice Baker** regularly, often attending Baltimore Symphony concerts with her in Bethesda. She also keeps up with other Westerners on Facebook and at occasional luncheons with classmates.

Speaking of Facebook, are you on it? It's another great way to keep in touch with Western classmates and friends. **Cyndy Smith Bailes** recently emailed, "Love sharing your Facebook posts. Nothing much happening here to report though." Actually, if **you** "friend" Cyndy, you, too, can learn about her family activities and especially appreciate her warm relationship with her daughter and granddaughter.

Gypsy Kimball Richardson spent Christmas 2013 in Bangkok, Thailand, visiting a dear friend. While there, she visited Angkor Wat in Cambodia, which had been on her "bucket list" for some time and which "was worth the whole trip." Gypsy spent February 2014 house-sitting for friends of her sister in Brevard, NC. "I had considered moving there because my sister lives there and because of the art and music offered. It is a

small college town. My time there made up my mind. My house in Virginia is currently on the market. As soon as it sells I will be moving there. I already have many friends and have started volunteering. I will be going to Santa Fe, NM, in late April and then back to Brevard for the Brevard Music Centers Festival. My next big trip may be to go back to Bangkok."

Nancy VanVleck von Allmen e-mailed from her condo in Snowbird, envying all the snow we were getting that her area of Utah needed so badly. "Am still reveling in memories of last June's Reunion. Wasn't it magical?" She thought our classmates look wonderful and was delighted "to hear so much appreciation voiced about that great college where we learned so much about so many significant issues. While I missed Phyllis Hoyt, Gail James, Margaret Barrier and others, I was grateful for how many of us came. There was so much laughter!" Nancy is enjoying the good life "with two healthy daughters, two great sons-in-law, and three healthy, happy grandchildren ages 1, 3, and 5. Busy with the travel business and booking our chalet apartments on Airbnb in the Swiss Alpine Village of Murren. There is never a dull moment! It's also fun to report I'm skiing Snowbird with **Lore Kagerer Thorpe '63**. We've been great friends and skiing buddies since meeting at Western in 1962 ... just another reason I'm glad I went to Western!"

Lynne Drucker Albuquerque shared the following: "Looking out at the pristine new snow. OK, I am tired of being a shut-in. (Lynne endured a serious back operation in June and is still recuperating.) I am walking much better but still fall occasionally and lack normal strength. Jak continues to 'progress.' He has a 'progressive' disorder (aphasia, now with dementia and apraxia and loss of coordination in all spheres.) Recently he fell and broke his hip for the fourth time. He could never rehab from the drastic surgery which would have been required so is home with multiple assist devices and people. All 12 of us, children and grands, were here for a week at the holidays. The girls made my closet their private hide-away. I understood the string closures but not the sudoku-appearing taped note. Silly me, it is the key pad for coded entry! And we did not even have keys to our dorm rooms." Lynne suggests that our classmates designate their donations to Western towards the purchase of a class stone in the Western Legacy Circle. Good idea, Lynne!

In late March, I heard from **Marcia Randlett Oder's** husband, Robin, who e-mailed to inform me of a horrific accident in which she was involved on February 12th. While walking across a shopping center crosswalk, she was hit directly by an accelerating commuter bus. Marcia miraculously survived. With Robin's permission, I shared this news via e-mail with our classmates and the WCAA,

Inc. Update: after spending several months in the trauma ICU of a number of hospitals in the greater St. Petersburg, FL, area being treated for multiple severe fractures from head to mid-section, Marcia was discharged from the last hospital in late April. She and Robin are currently in an assisted living facility near their home, where she e-mailed that she is having voice, physical, and occupational therapy several times a week. She hopes to be there only about four more months. She now uses her left hand and is exercising her right hand. Robin thanks Westerners for their continued moral support and attributes Marcia's recovery to "her wonderful cheery nature and relentless positive attitude and to Western friends who are cheering her on."

Hohler family news: Last year at this time, Larry was half-way through his chemotherapy sessions to combat colon cancer. Delighted to report that all tests show he's now cancer free. He looks great, feels good, and is back to his usual activities including continued representation on the Board of Habitat of Suffolk, bicycling over hill and dale with his buddies several times a week (weather permitting), regularly working out with his trainer at the gym, cruisin' in his '51 Studebaker, attending classes at OLLI at Stony Brook University, and presiding over the Board at Hope Children's Fund, Ltd., which is celebrating its 10th year of operation.

Meanwhile, I continue to be an active Rotarian, attend OLLI classes at SBU, act as a Democratic Committeeperson as well as a representative on the Town of Brookhaven's Women's Advisory Council, volunteer with local organizations such as the Greater Port Jefferson Historical Society, and, with Larry, work on fundraising for our 75+ orphans in Meru, Kenya. In September, we spent two productive weeks in Meru, catching up on the activities and business related to the orphanage that we support. Our children there continue to grow and thrive. We recently celebrated the graduation from college of our first orphan, Betty Gakii, who just got married and began teaching mathematics in a local secondary school. Seven of "our kids" now attend Kenyan universities, and one is doing post-secondary studies at a technical school in Nairobi. Twelve youngsters completing Standard 8 (primary school) took the exam that will determine if they can go on to secondary school, which is not free in Kenya. We are awaiting updates on their schooling status. Fundraising is becoming more and more complicated and necessary. We hope to return to Kenya this summer or in September to catch up again in person on what's new at The Home. (You can check it out on our website: www.hopechildrensfund.org.) Nikki and Jose are still living and working in DC, with occasional visits to Port Jeff whenever Nikki needs her "beach fix".

Looking forward to hearing from you in whichever manner you choose to communicate ...

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Sue Lutz May's year started out a little differently than expected. Her grief became very real as her emotions erupted as she felt the void after handling all the details of Bernie's death. She is improving but still gets weepy at times. She took the time to read Bernie's and her correspondence from the time when they first met until he came home from two years in the Peace Corps. This project was very emotional, fun, enlightening and highlights all they were going through in those early young adult years of angst about the future and their evolving relationship. She feels very fortunate to have this memorable resource to reread.

Sue also visited many friends on the East Coast from Maryland to the Poconos, Massachusetts, and Vermont. She spent the first week in July at Star Island, where she visited Bernie's stone in the memorial garden. On Labor Day weekend, she celebrated her 70th birthday with family and friends. For Christmas, she flew to Santa Fe to meet up with son Christopher and Jessa.

Last but not least, Sue reminds us to KEEP IN MIND, June 2016 our 50th Class Reunion! She hopes that as many as possible will join us for this wonderful weekend.

Hazel Drew reported that she still enjoys being on the Board of Trustees. She also wants to encourage her classmates to support the Legacy Circle fund. It is a great endeavor and beautiful monument to our beloved College. Hazel is in the process of downsizing to a nearby senior community. She reports that she is taking the challenges in her life one day at a time.



Sue Lutz May and Edie Taylor Molumby, both '66, in NYC last November

Cynthia Crosson-Harrington is still enjoying being the pastor of First Congregation Church in Whately, MA. Her work continues with the NEADS/dogs for the Deaf and Disabled Americans. She designed this program that places specially trained service dogs with veterans returning from combat with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). She has also written a children's book, *Only Daddy's Dog* (www.onlydaddysdog.com) that explains to children the purpose of service dogs for PTSD. She also is working on a memoir that explains how she healed from her son's death by creating the program to place dogs with veterans with PTSD. Her son was a victim of PTSD.

Her college text, *Confronting Child and Adolescent Sexual Abuse* was published this summer. She has another college text underway that addresses working with veterans and their families. In her free time (?), she enjoys her kids and granddaughter Ruby, who is 7. Ruby is her favorite reviewer of her children's books. Cynthia and Jim enjoy their lives but were looking forward to the end of this long snowy winter.

Nancy James's husband, Professor Rick Frese, has published, *Concord and the Civil War: From Walden Pond to the Gettysburg Front*. Coinciding with the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, local interest is strong regarding that period in our nation's history. She reports that Concord, a town of a little over 2,000 people in 1861, sent 450 townsmen to war, while the women's Concord Soldier's Aid Society supplied Union soldiers with considerable clothing, foodstuffs and bandages for the entire duration of the war. Also, Louisa May Alcott became a Union nurse and Concord women's early role in the abolitionist movement was very intense, positioning the town on several political fronts.

Nancy is an active owner of her insurance agency, sponsoring some particularly interesting

projects and Boston-based events. Don Henley's Walden Woods Project gala included Robert Redford, and the Concord Museum offered an entire display of artifacts from April 19, 1776, the day of "the shot heard 'round the world!" Nancy is currently sponsoring her local NPR radio station and remains active in domestic violence prevention initiatives.

Carol Maturo Ward reports that 2014 was a challenging year due to the death of her father-in-law. He was 90 years old and they were able to help him fulfill his wish to die at home, surrounded by friends and loved ones. Allen continues to teach Latin, both as a private tutor and as a part-time professor at Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT. He has four students who are classics majors, which makes it especially rewarding. In 2015 they hope to travel to Scotland to visit a niece who is doing a junior semester abroad at the University of Edinburgh. Carol and Allen are in generally good health and lead busy lives. She also mentions the heavy snowfall this winter in New England.

Leanna Houston reports that all is well with her and her family. She does not want to bore us with her long list of blessings. She can't believe that she will be celebrating her 70th birthday and her 10th wedding anniversary this year. Her new motto is if you kiss enough frogs, you'll find one without a whole lot of warts on him. J.B. says she is planning to be in Oxford for our 50th. She hopes that all of the Class of '66 is also planning to be there.

Jane Graham Murphy has had an exciting year. She took her family with her to Switzerland to celebrate her 70th birthday. She had read in the last *Western Bulletin* that **Nancy VanVleck von Allmen '64** had a travel agency and a chalet in Switzerland. Jane called her and was immediately recognized even though it had been 50 years since they had seen each other. They had both gone on the 1964 Western College Seminar to the Middle East. When the Seminar ended, Nancy had departed for Switzerland while the rest returned home. Jane



Janie Murphy, daughters and granddaughter, at the Jungfrauoch-Top of Europe

found an inspiring letter from Nancy describing her new life and possible plans for the future among her college memories.

Nancy proved to be an energetic travel guru and designed a delightful Swiss holiday for Jane, her daughters, Katherine and Becca and their families. Her beloved son was not with them but is in Jane's daily thoughts and prayers. Jane lists many activities that keep her busy: family visits to Pennsylvania and New Jersey, Cincinnati Woman's Club, church deacon, monthly book club, daily walks with her loyal old dog Clifton, hiking club, Zhineng Qigong, mindfulness meditation and ceramic classes.

Jane talks daily with **Peggy Budington** and visits in spring and fall. She also stays in touch with **Charla Coatoam** and her big sister, **Patricia Spokes Snowden '64**. She asks for text, phone, written messages or visits from other WC alums.

Rich and I are doing great at our Central Oregon ranch. We feel much better now that we have our first year under our belts. The remodel is complete and will have grass in the backyard by the time you read this. We now have two rescued horses (Arab/quarter and a mustang) and two rescued barn cats to add to our family. I continue to study natural horsemanship and have made partners with my little herd. I volunteer to help young readers through the SMART reading program. Rich stays very busy keeping all the farm equipment running (tractor, trailers, ATV, irrigation, cars and truck) and building all my horse playground equipment. We get to see our Bend family (oldest son and his wife as well as the three adult grandchildren) regularly. I celebrated my 70th birthday and we will celebrate our 30th anniversary this year. I have joined a community read and weekly discussion group on Overcoming our Racism, sponsored by Central Oregon Community College's non-violence focus this winter. We are looking forward to seeing many of you in 2016 at our 50th reunion. Make it the highlight of next year.

Attention Missing Classmates of '66: If you did not receive my Valentine's Day e-mail, it is because I don't have your e-mail or correct mailing address. Please send it to me.

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Dear Classmates! We had a San Francisco Bay Area reunion in February and learned about all the changes on our beloved campus. There is even a new bridge! As you know, there will be a Legacy Circle behind Patterson Place, which will commemorate Western long past our lifetimes. There is information on the new WCAA website: http://miamioh.edu/University_Advancement/WCAA/. It will be a beautiful, landscaped, outdoor space, constructed in stone, for everyone to enjoy and to learn about the legacy of Western, with engraved stones, bricks, benches and more to commemorate individuals and classes. I have sent out one e-mail, and will be contacting you again, with the help of **Pat Jayson** and **Hayat Imam**. We would like to have participation of as many of us as we can. Stay tuned.

In my news, happy and sad: Joel Kaufmann and I got married at San Francisco City Hall last April, and are settling into married life in our home in Berkeley. In August, my dad died, two months shy of his 100th birthday. Some of you may remember him, as he was active in the Dads' Club, and I think was president our senior year, the year he had a second daughter at Western, my sister, **Gretchen Blake Roy '71**. He had a long, happy, mostly healthy life, and we were privileged to share it. On to your news:

Margie Custer Bowles is continuing as a one day/week homework helper after school in their local library branch. She also manages the library website and volunteers with Friends of the Library. Both Margie and Bob are volunteer naturalists at Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve, where they had the most volunteer hours in 2014. Margie is still president of the Board for the Volunteer Center of Santa Cruz County, AND, if that's not enough, she volunteers in each of her grandkids' classrooms. She and Bob took a cruise from Miami through the Panama Canal to Alaska and Canada, and then took their usual trip to Greece for six weeks. While in Greece, they were able to partake in the 90th anniversary celebration of the YMCA camp where the family spent its summers. Back home in parched California, they replaced their lawn with drought-resistant plantings. (Joel and I are doing the same thing.)

Kitsy Dunlop wrote: "Greetings One and All. The highlights of my year definitely included the Western Bond :-). **Brenda Lee** and **Brian Bell** became Floridians with their move to The Villages, near Ocala, FL. They invited Greg and me to their lovely new home for a DELICIOUS lunch. What a hostess she is. I felt so 'grounded' in her home



Happily, '68 Class Rep Susan Blake (left) and Trudy Muller Moore '69 recognized each other when they met at a Berkeley theater event.

sharing Western Tales. Again thoughts of my international life during the Western Years came flooding forth during my one week whirlwind trip to Paris, a 'thank you' from my sons, Dylan and Trevor, 'just because' you are our mom and we knew you'd have fun. Yes, indeed I did and am again grateful to Western for opening our hearts and souls to the intercultural/international world."

Kathy Evans Findley wrote: "This summer Jim and I flew to Lisbon and boarded a cruise ship to be off the French coast for the 70th anniversary of D-Day. We had one of the Band of Brothers with us, who at age 93 re-visited three of the villages he helped liberate. It was very gratifying to see that the French still appreciated the British, Canadian, and American efforts on their behalf. Like many of us, I attended my 50th high school reunion, and had a good time with all the other old people. I wasn't sure who I was talking to sometimes, but it became clear once the nametags with our yearbook photos were given out! Thanks to arthritis, in October I had my left hip replaced, and after that positive experience, I'm looking forward to the other being replaced Feb 9. Jim is the Governor Designate for eastern North Carolina, and the increased mobility will make my traveling with him locally, statewide and internationally so much easier. Nurse Jim does a wonderful job being cook, keeper, launderer, chauffeur, and exercise taskmaster."

Susan Hackley, who lives in Boston, continues to work at Harvard Law School where she is managing director of the Program on Negotiation. She is also deeply committed to a personal project, a documentary film, *A Child's Guide to War*, about the impact of war on America's children and families. She's leading discussions on "Why is it hard to talk about war? Bridging the civilian — military divide," a topic that she has been

pondering since the days of the Vietnam War. She and her husband, Paul, adore being grandparents and watching their children become interesting adults — in Alaska, in New Orleans, and in Brooklyn.

Hayat Iman had two significant trips in 2014, the first to Iceland where she fulfilled a life-long dream to see the Northern Lights. The second, as a board delegate for Grassroots International to Palestine. She has been doing presentations to share her first-hand experience of what the Palestinians are enduring under the Israeli occupation. Much excitement in the family: Hayat's daughter graduated from medical school last summer, a feat with two young children!

Pat Jayson had a busy year planning and hosting the return to New Bedford of the last surviving American wooden whaleship, the *Charles W. Morgan*, during its first voyage in 75 years after an extensive restoration by Mystic Seaport. There was a parade of boats that stretched over two miles to welcome her, and **Susie Talbot '69** and husband Desmond came down for the celebration! This coming summer will be comparatively uneventful. But after this past winter, it is so welcome. Incidentally, Pat is considering warmer climes for her golden years. Please send suggestions!

Brenda Lee Bell continues to enjoy her Florida adventure in active retirement. Brian officially retired on January 1 although he consulted for six months after. This welcome change makes more time for fun together. At the time of writing, Brenda was looking forward to a visit from **Barbara Williamson Wentz**.

Chako Matsumoto Era went to a group exhibit of photos where four works of **Susie Kitagawa '59** were shown. **Nancy Wilson Kobayashi '69** came and the three of them had tea. Chako joined two group tours in 2014: in May to Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, and Turkmenistan and in October to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, and Kosovo. She is hoping to visit Kizhi (Russia) where there is an old wooden church. (Susan here: Google it — it's amazing!)

Miho Matsuda Abedini wrote that last summer she succeeded in minimizing their living style as much as possible and moved to a small condo in Tehran. Miho and her husband Mansour live in Canada for six months (where their daughter and family live) while they stay in Iran the rest of the year, including Miho's annual visit to her 95-year-old mother in Japan for a month or so. Upon moving they had to give up many mementos, but Miho believes this is the last opportunity to get rid of them. "What we need now is only a peaceful, comfortable life. My husband is in stable condition under the cancer treatment."

Phoebe Nicely wrote: "I retired four years ago after teaching nearly 40 years—everything from college lit and writing to high school English, gifted and talented (such an inappropriate name — that was in the '80s and it's not used anymore (or shouldn't be) — and ended up the last 15 years as an elementary school librarian. It was the job from heaven. I volunteer for several organizations and write for the local paper, but the best thing I do is babysit for my sweet little grandson. My daughter, Caitlin, and her partner, Geoff, took in this little 6-week old foster babe and, after nearly 2½ years of frustrating wrangling with an understaffed system of child protective services and family court, he was officially adopted in December. I think back on my years at Western with such fondness and fine memories. Turns out I'm a lousy correspondent, but I hope to get better."

Karen Prah Voris (Scottsdale, AZ) has had a wonderful year of family and travel. Travel involved so many trips to the Seattle area to see the three granddaughters (6-yr-old Lily and 2-yr-old twins Rosie and Louisa) that she and John bought a place about 40 minutes away. Summers are a lot more temperate in Washington than Arizona. More travel involved visiting daughter Amy (WCP '94) in Manchester, England. Karen still enjoys playing tennis, working out, yoga and being a docent at the Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art and volunteering at a food bank. Life is good!

Patty Robins Lacey is still in Cortez, CO, and volunteering at the Anasazi Heritage Center Museum. She sings in the church choir, plays in the community band, and volunteers with the local chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society. In retirement she's finishing up some projects too, analyzing some 900-year-old pottery.

Barbara Williamson Wentz and Erv began the year with a cruise of the Caribbean and time in Florida to visit Erv's brother, Jim, and his wife, Jan. They returned home in time for Erv to close a deal to sell the apartments and the sale finally closed March 10th. ERV IS NOW RETIRED! They will establish their personal mission of staying connected with friends and family as they travel, because they have come to understand that the best of life is their relationship with God, the people they love, the places they have been, and the memories they have made along the way.

They have traveled to Washington, DC; Richmond, VA; Raleigh, NC; Excelsior, MN; Cleveland and Canton, OH; Pentwater, MI; and Boston, MA, all to connect with family and many important people in their life. Last fall they took the trip Erv has wanted for years. They drove a 32-foot RV for 4,500 miles to see Maine, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia, Canada. They were able to take the two dogs and

cat and all went well. They had a great RV adventure, fantastic weather, saw New England and Canada ablaze with fall color, and Erv had eight meals of lobster. In January, Erv bought a 38-foot RV, so they can continue their travels to see friends and family.

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Alumnae Weekend '15: Celebrating 45 years!

From feast to famine! From Kelly's full column last year to hearing nothing from classmates this year ...

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Sorry that the news is thin from the class of '72 ...

The most I have is from **Wendy Arnold Seeley**, who wrote that she is enjoying her first year of retirement.

Peter and I continued our bicycle travels along the Mississippi River last summer. He



*Beth (right) with YouTube's
Jenny Doan*

being on the bike and me in the car! I did leave him for a few days to attend a quilting retreat at Missouri Star Quilt Company in Hamilton, MO. Jenny Doan of You Tube fame was the instructor.

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Greetings 1974 classmates! Those of us who attended our 40th reunion on the Western campus in June 2014 had a lot of fun together reminiscing and catching up. **Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins** gave an insightful chapel talk on Sunday morning, and **Greta Pope Wimp** directed the alumnae choir for chapel. The Freedom Summer chapel program that began the weekend on Friday was quite inspirational. Here's the news that I've received from classmates.

Sue Anderson is still working. She has been at Verizon Communications (New Jersey Bell) for 42 years now, and her current job title is Retiree Health Care Benefits Coordinator. She is hoping to retire in July 2015. She is involved with many committees at her church as well as being active in the Daughters of the American Revolution,

three local historical societies and the Car-givers' Coalition of the United Way of Northern New Jersey. She also keeps busy with her nine great-nieces and great-nephews and their activities. Sue took a trip to Florida and the Bahamas in March 2014, and she saw **Heidi Hilfinger Wilson '72** in August 2014 when she attended the wedding of Heidi's daughter Taylor in Cicero, NY.

Amy Robinson Collins and her husband continue to live in the Mansfield, OH, area. Amy and Jim spent Thanksgiving in North Carolina with their daughter Becca and her family. Their son, Jeff, and his family have now moved to Colorado. Amy and a friend have joined a fitness center, and Amy is enjoying daily workouts and looking forward to another season of biking outdoors. Amy said that she is enjoying the flexibility of retirement.

Mary Miller Croxton reports that she is semi-retired now. She and her husband, Jack, took a trip to China in October and November of 2014, where he was doing some work at a number of universities. They also went to Scotland with friends for two weeks during the summer of 2014, and Mary visited Ayr, where her father's family came from a long way back. Mary did most of the driving. She managed, but found driving on the left along with the narrow roads and roundabouts to be challenging. Mary is also busy with a local "Complete Streets" program for her community and with doing programming for the League of Women Voters. She tries to find time to play tennis three times a week and occasionally gets back to Oxford to visit her sister **Kitty Miller Bomholt '75**.

Holly Wright Johnson is now a grandmother. Her son, Bryn, and his wife, Shannon, welcomed a baby girl, Caitlyn Grace, in 2014. Holly's daughter, Cristyn, is studying for a master's degree in arts administration at Drexel University. As of January 2015, Holly has worked for 30 years with the Howard County Library System in Columbia, MD. Holly also keeps busy with her work with the Coast Guard Auxiliary where she holds the position of Human Resources Staff Officer for the flotilla with which she and Bruce are associated. Bruce has been working at the Library of Congress for 30 years and represents the Library of Congress on the U.S. Board of Geographic Names. The highlight of 2014 for Holly and Bruce (besides Caitlyn's birth) was their extended cruise on their sailboat on Chesapeake Bay in September.

Janet Lucas reports that she is still working and has no plans for retirement yet. She and Sherrill have had a family-filled year with their primary vacation during 2014 being a trip to Disneyworld with her older daughter Linda and her family. Janet now has three grandchildren since her younger daughter



*Chris Moranda '74 (right) and Jane
Russell at their spring 2014 wedding*

Karen (and husband Nathaniel) had a baby girl, Hannah, during 2014.

Barb Winter McDonald retired in 2009 from teaching history in the North Allegheny School District in Pittsburgh, PA, and also retired from being the president of the North Allegheny Federation of Teachers. Barb is married to Dave McDonald, and she has two children and two granddaughters.

Chris Moranda and Jane Russell went to Washington, DC, where Chris grew up, during the spring of 2014 and were married there. In August 2014, they sold their Victorian home in Columbus, OH, and moved to a high-rise condo less than two miles away. They are enjoying their new location on the ninth floor with a great view of downtown Columbus. Chris is still working and not ready to retire yet. She is very involved on the state and national level with the U.S. Business Leadership Network, an organization committed to expanding employment opportunities for job seekers with disabilities.

Sheila Colligan Sobel left her job during the fall of 2014 and has been taking some time off to enjoy life with her husband, Michael. She plans to look for consulting work in 2015 so that she will have a more flexible work schedule than a 9-6 Monday through Friday work week.

Nancy Anderson Wilkinson is working at UBS in mid-town Manhattan doing project development in the Asset Management Group. Her husband, Pat, is back in the United States after a three-year rotation for HSBC that included stays in Geneva and Zurich, Switzerland, and in London, England. Their daughter, Catie, has a job as a medical research assistant at New York University Medical Center. She tests patients for a group of doctors who are studying lung diseases. Catie shares an apartment with five roommates in Brooklyn and is enjoying



Betsy (left) with classmate Nevine Gulamhusein in London during Betsy's trip

all of the activities available in New York City. Nancy hopes to get together with **Sue Dewitt Moony** and **Jill Rawnsley** in Philadelphia, where they live, sometime in 2015.

My big news is that I retired on December 31, 2014, after working for 31 years at the Otterbein University Library in Westerville, OH. I took an interesting National Geographic cruise around Atlantic Canada in September 2014, where I visited several places in Newfoundland as well as one stop in Nova Scotia and one stop on the island of St. Pierre (a French territory just off the southern coast of Newfoundland).

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We think the *Unforgotten Classes* of '75, '76, and '77 deserve special attention since we don't hear from them as often as we'd like. So we waiving the rule that odd-year classes report only in the fall Bulletin and printing Jay's update now. That's how glad we are to hear from him!

Jay Griswold '75 finished his master's degree at Colorado State University and then taught for a while there. Later he taught at the University of Alabama and then the University of Colorado at Boulder. He also has worked as a ranger for the state of Colorado. Jay is the author of three books: *Meditations for the Year of the Horse*, *The Land-*

scape of Exile, and *Conquistador*. Jay now lives in Ft. Myers, Florida, where he says, "...it's possible to go fishing every day of the year (which I do)." Jay would enjoy hearing from any Western alumni/alumnae who remember him.



No news? Hope that's good ...

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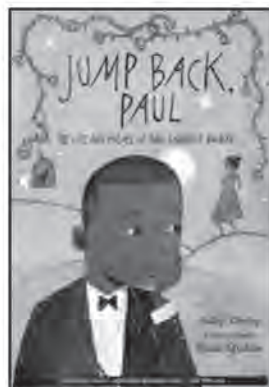
Burt Kaufman writes: "I was dean of the WCP from 1998 until 2003. I then taught in the history department for two years before retiring to Park City, Utah, where I lived with my wife for 10 years. Many of you knew my wife, Diane, who also ran the Western College Archives. Unfortunately, Diane died on February 22, 2014, after a long, nasty, neurological disease which eventually deprived her even of the ability to speak or write. Throughout the whole period of her illness she remained upbeat with a smile on her face. [Editor's note: Diane was named an *Honorary Alumna* in 2002.]

"After she died, I moved to Port Washington, NY, a small town on Long Island, easily accessible to New York, about 30 miles away, via the Long Island Railroad. I have lots of friends and family in the area and have been having a great time taking advantage of all that the city has to offer.

"I would love to hear from you."

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Class Notes . . . Post Script



Sally Derby Miller '56 has dedicated her soon-to-be-published middle grade biography of poet Paul Lawrence Dunbar to us!

"In tribute to Western College for Women, site of Freedom Summer Volunteer Training, 1964. *The anchor still holds.*"



Writing under the pseudonym K. L. Ning, our **Doris Ning Wong '62** has published a book of the stories she makes up on rainy days with her grandchildren. They are all about a black bear family living in the forested mountains of Olympic National Park near Doris's home in Seattle.

In Memoriam

Helen Gerber Ramsdell '29
December 2014

Lucile Dum Stayman '29
December 2014

Virginia Malsbary Robinson '32
Date unknown

Jean Sharp Guild '34
October 2014

Marguerite Scheid Coplen '35
September 2011

Dorothy McCorkle Moran '38
January 2015

Marjorie Lloyd Liggett '39
January 2015

Helen Cunningham Forward '40
October 2009

Joan Darby Kuntz '40
May 2013

Susanne Poage Hale '41
July 2014

Jane Bauer Hall '41
August 2014

Leah L. Chappell '43
December 2014

Marjorie Study Clark '43
April 2014

Olivia Barson Adams '44
May 2015

Harriet Hall Redlin '44
December 2014

Jean Merrill Lockley '45
July 2013

Mary Leckie McCoy '46
July 2013

Margaret Glover Warner '47
May 2012

Elizabeth Mitchell Baker '49
January 2014

Lucy Theis McLeaster '50
September 2014

Melanie Hughes Rost '50
February 2014

Betty A. Vandersluis '51
May 2015

H. Gwendolyn Wardwell '51
April 2014

Carolyn Bosse Watkin '52
March 2013

Carolyn Munson Weed '52
2015

Jeanne Dickson Vale '53
November 2014

Jean Grabill '54
February 2014

Kathleen Martin Wright '55
May 2012

Shirley Carlson Hoffman '56
November 2014

Ann Dillenbeck Thomas '56
November 2013

Sandra Grimes Abouzeid-Surico '57
February 2015

Shirley Failla Albanese '57
March 2015

Joyce Catharine Clark Stoner '59
April 2012

Rosie Wood Dyer '60
December 2011

Susan Grove Hall '63
September 2014

Gweneth Hughes Stebbins '63
October 2013

Judy Bruns Sears '86
March 2015

Vera Hays FS
February 2014

Bulletin policy is to list deaths of Western College alumnae, former administrators, faculty and staff in "In Memoriam." WCAA trustees and Bulletin class representatives will be so designated and their terms of service noted. Obituaries are not printed, but class representatives are notified and encouraged to include personal remembrances in class notes at their discretion. Administrators and faculty members with exceptional, long-term service will be eulogized. (With occasional exceptions, deaths that occurred more than five years prior to publication are not included.)

The Western College Program

Hello, WCP and WP grads!

In the wake of Patterson Place's recent near-miss with demolition, it's more important than ever for us to recognize the changing nature of Miami University — increasingly focused on recruitment, and thus with a greater need for student housing than ever before, as the reduction in support from the state makes itself felt — and to consider how this will intersect with the aging infrastructure of Western Campus.

One of the arguments put forth for the proposed razing of Patterson was that the historic building needs considerable maintenance and repair work — an estimated half-million dollars just to restore the roof, drainage, and window seals in a manner that's historically consistent, yet up to modern safety codes; and perhaps more than that again in internal maintenance and upgrades. In the face of the building's historic and practical value, this was a weak argument — but we must keep in mind that with the demise of the WCP in 2006, the Western Campus lost the considerable political support that came with a full academic division being housed there.

Equally important, there's virtually no one left within Miami's administration — especially at the upper levels — who ever knew Western as an independent college or even as the School of Interdisciplinary Studies. I'm sure President Hodge feels some personal attachment to the current Western Program, which he created out of the ashes of the WCP, but he has announced his imminent retirement. Whoever follows as Miami's president will have even less of a connection with the older Western. From the standpoint of someone entering the university now, Western Campus won't be seen as its own entity, separate from yet connected to Miami. It'll be a charming aberration, likely to be seen more as a source of undeveloped land and atypical (for Miami) buildings than anything else.

The recent past has seen the demolition of Alexander Dining Hall, and the construction a new dining hall and three large new dorms on Western. The green space that was integral to Western Campus is filling up. This spring's decision to raze Patterson Place may have been reversed, but we may count on it that there will be



Mike Conaway and Alicia Broderick, both Class of '90, with youngsters Nicholas and Lauren, on the steps of newly restored Patterson Place porch, October 2006. The whole family attends virtually every WCAA and WCP reunion, so the kids have grown up knowing and loving the Western campus.

more such decisions coming, and public opinion and Western alumni/ae resistance won't be enough to stop them all. Mary Lyon, for example, was built to structural standards that render it unmodernizable; it's therefore not a question of if Mary Lyon will come down, but when. We have to brace ourselves for these coming changes.

That said, we *can* help to forestall them. Miami's budget crunch is real, and though — thanks to public outcry and Western-led protests — Patterson Place will not only remain standing but will receive at least the most critical repairs it needs, that money has to come from somewhere. Contributions from Western grads won't be enough to meet all those costs, but they will help — and might convince Miami of the love that Western alums (read: sources of donations) feel for their old home. The rescue of Patterson Place isn't finished; it's an ongoing process.

It was once said of Western College alumnae that they were “more likely to do good than to do well,” and that may be even more true of WCP alums. It's also true that most WCP alums are only now entering, or have

yet to reach, what are called the “giving years.” But if you’ve never yet donated to Western or Miami, this may be the impetus you’ve been waiting for, and it may be especially important in the face of the growing lack of connection to Western that future administrations will likely show. You can specify that your donation go straight to restoring Patterson Place. If you already donate regularly, consider directing your money towards Patterson this year. And perhaps in the future we’ll be able to direct our contributions to other specific needs of the Western Campus. Though of course we can’t stop time, and we’ll never be able to keep Western Campus just as we remember it, we can help to maintain, preserve, and secure it for as long as possible. It gave us so much, after all.

— *Mike Conaway, WCP '90*
President, WCPAA

(To donate, visit the WCAA’s donation page at www.miamioh.edu/wcaa. Be sure to write “Patterson Place Renovation Fund” in the “Comments” field. Or send a check, made out to the WCAA or to Miami University, to: WCAA, Inc., 325 S. Patterson Ave., Oxford, OH 45056; again, write “Patterson Place Renovation Fund” on the memo line.)

Twenty-five years ago, you were there, Western College Program Class of 1990!





'80 Class Rep Janey Sharp (third from left) and her curling club, dressed in tutus for fun, at a Potomac, MD, tournament. Stu Bassin '78 dropped in.



Checking in with WCP's first graduating class, we find our founding dean **Mike Lunine** coming off an exciting and productive 2014. Traveling with Kay to India, Mike lectured at the Gandhi-founded Gujarat University, the Gandhi Research Foundation, and the Institute of Gandhian Studies. He also enjoyed having a chance to see Kay give presentations at several other schools, while re-connecting with colleagues and friends. He has just completed his new book, *The Conscience of Non-Violence: A Conversation with Socrates, Thoreau, Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr.*, and has returned to the classroom as "professor demeritus" to lecture (I would pay good money see one of those talks). This year Kay and Mike plan to visit friends in Turkey, where they will try to persuade universities to develop programs in interdisciplinary peace studies. Mike wonders if it's the right time and place. I say, if anyone can do it, Mike and Kay will!

Closer to Oxford, **Kent Ernsting** has enjoyed meeting many alumni of the Western College, as well as the Western College Program, when he attended many of the reunions held over the last 10 years. He has found the "Western spirit" embodied in members of every class, found inspiration in their stories of how they traveled their own path, and marveled at their vitality. He continues to help others through his private counseling practice, Hope Source Counsel-

ing. Kent and Kim have two sons, one a 2012 Miami grad and the other pursuing his nursing degree there as well.

Kathy Pozna Fetzer has retired ... twice! And twice she has returned to the healthcare field. After 25 years in the Childbirth Center, Kathy is now an RN/PRN working as a wellness specialist at Southeastern Med in Cambridge. She is able to work fewer hours while pursuing a more teaching-oriented role, with smoking cessation and childbirth classes among her specialties. Along with working somewhat fewer hours, her new role makes for a bit less physical and mental stress. It could be a while before Kathy retires once and for all!

Writing from home in Hilliard, **Steve Seiple** reports that he has called Columbia Gas of Ohio his "work home" since graduating law school in 1981. He is currently an assistant general counsel with Columbia. Outside of work, Steve

has been busy researching family history, and channeling his inner Steve Goodman while learning to play banjo and ukulele. Steve welcomes contact with classmates, and can be found on Facebook, LinkedIn, and at sbseiple@gmail.com.

Also busy in the legal field is **Martin Steger**, Chief Innovation Officer at Kegler, Brown Hill + Ritter Co., LPA. He serves as the director and chair of Global Business Practice, and has a particular emphasis in resolution of international business disputes. Martijn reports that another classmate, **Stu Bassin** (sjb@bassinlawfirm.com) now has his own law practice. Good luck with the venture, Stu!

Lianne Greene Bowman is thriving in her role as president of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation at Monticello. Since 2010, she has been working to launch the restoration of the landscape of slavery there, while living on the grounds and enjoying the natural beauty of the place. Lianne invites us all to visit, especially on the 4th of July when new citizens are naturalized in a moving ceremony conducted on the steps of Monticello.

Meredith Reeves Slosberg is now working in leadership development for Akron Children's Hospital, enjoying the opportunity to transfer her VP experience to training future leaders. Still an artist, Meredith continues to do ceramics while enjoying travel with her husband Karl. With two grown children, Meredith and Karl are beginning to set their sights on retirement!

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Congratulations to **Barbara Knuth**, who was promoted to Senior Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School at Cornell University, where she has been a faculty member since 1986. She also serves this year as chair of the Board of the Council of Graduate Schools, an organization representing over 500 graduate schools across the nation, as an advocate for graduate education and higher education generally.

Barb visited with **Marla (Murphy) Craft** in July, in Portland, OR, for an exciting afternoon of whitewater rafting on Marla's own raft (guided ably by husband Scott) on the Clackamas River. The entire Rubber Rose Ranch has plans to reunite in July '15 in Colorado; we'll send another update after that gathering.



Janey (left) with Mary Shelly, at Mayfield Curling Club in February

As for me ... my hubby and I have taken up curling, that crazy Olympic sport with brooms and rocks. In addition to being great exercise, curling is also all about a good party. We're having a blast playing in bonspiels (tournaments) and connecting with Western friends along the way. I saw **Mark Censky '81** in Nashua, NH, **Kathy Akers** in Norfolk, CT, **Mary (Scrocco)** and **Jim Shelly** in Mayfield, OH, and **Stu Bassin '78** in Potomac, MD. We've also made international trips to Iceland, Budapest, and Italy. And we started a club in New Jersey (www.jerseycurling.org). If you live near a curling club, there's a chance you could see me. Or you could always come visit me, anytime. May the Circle be Unbroken ...

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From **Avery Jenkins**: "2015 promises to be a year of many changes, as much of my life comes to fruition and new adventures begin."

"First, this marks my 20th year in private practice. In two decades, I have built the practice of my dreams, the Center for Alternative Medicine. Chiropractic, acupuncture, clinical nutrition, even a dispensary for custom herbal formulas all under one roof. I have also become a federally certified Medical Examiner, and am doing functional and occupational medicine as well. I'm looking forward to at least another 15 years before retirement."

"At the same time, I am climbing entirely new mountains. I have recently applied to, and been accepted in, the preliminary clergy training program with Ár nDraíocht Féin, a Neopagan religious organization. Hopefully, in about three years, I will emerge as an ordained Druid priest. My goal is to minister to incarcerated men, as well as lend my hand to a number of earth-centered charities."

"On the family front, 2015 marks a quarter-century of marriage, as well as the transition point for my two daughters. My eldest graduates from St. John's College, a Great Books program, in May, and my youngest graduates high school and will be packing up to attend Hampshire College, another interdisciplinary college. I couldn't be prouder of my two girls, and if I accomplished nothing else in life, I've helped to produce two good, responsible, intelligent, caring human beings. Really, what more could any man ask for?"

"Except, perhaps, for the company of the good friends with whom one once explored the vast universe of ideas, in an incubator of free-spirited intellectual inquiry. Even after all these years, there are times that I truly miss those years at Western, the home I stumbled upon after traveling cold, wet, and bereft of direction and purpose. Western, and all of you, my classmates, gave that to me in spades. I regret the demise of that program and I miss your company."

"I hope to encounter some of you again, in any venue. Be well. Avery Jenkins, DC, alj@docaltmed.com; www.averyjenkins.com"

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Susan Kilbane moved to Bainbridge Island, WA, in January 2015. Susan had worked as a teacher, then assistant principal and a principal in the Chicago Public Schools before the move. While Susan loved her work throughout the years, she found that it was time to head to the Pacific Northwest. Now, Susan runs or walks every morning in the woods with her dad and their dog, Duffy. Susan's parents live out here on the water as does her sister Karen and her family. **Karen Kilbane** and her husband **Pat Callahan** are 1983 graduates of Western. While she was reporting, Susan was in Maui for the first time ever. She notes that folks in the Pacific Northwest travel to Hawaii like Midwestern folks travel to Florida. As you can tell, Susan is loving life out that way.

Marcy Mulford recently accepted a position with Otterbein University as a graphic designer with their Department of Marketing & Communications. Marcy had her own freelance business for seven years, but reports that it's a nice change of pace to be working alongside a team again. On the home front, Marcy reports that there are many milestone birthdays this year — her oldest Maddy turns 21 and the twins, Anna and Hayden turn 18. Everyone can do the math about which milestone birthday Marcy had not too long ago, but that is true of most of us in the Class of '86!

Erik Bork reports that he is a screenwriter and screenwriting professor, who has lived in Los Angeles since 1991. Erik is best known for his work as a writer-producer on HBO's *Band of Brothers*. Erik remarried and has a total of four kids; the oldest is in college at Harvey Mudd College, the other three are in high school.

John Mack is still somewhat surprised to say that he is now a Californian. In March 2013, John took a position with the Catalina Island Conservancy as their Chief Conservation Officer, managing 42,000 acres of undeveloped Channel Island and 17 staff. John reports that the weather there is really as nice as advertised, except there they pray for precipitation. John is still adjusting to a

mandatory 25 percent reduction in water use. John says that he is still trying to save the Earth or at least his beautiful little corner of it in the Pacific Ocean. John's kids Rachel and Aaron (almost 16 and 14), are becoming islanders and are starting to look towards college, when it seems they were just toddlers yesterday. John is learning to sail, something he has always wanted to do, and he is thinking about retiring onto a sailboat. John says that if any Westerners are in the LA area it is just a one-hour ferry ride to Catalina Island. You will have a place to stay and your personal backcountry guide.

Sharon Hofmann Loniewski moved out west back in 1990 and, aside from missing her college buddies, she has never looked back. Sherry's daughter, Jessica, lives out there and will turn 30 this year. For all of you that remember Jessica as a baby, Sherry notes that her daughter is going to classes with her, and that may make us all feel old! Sherry used to live in Portland. She even worked at the food co-op you see in Portlandia, where unpasteurized milk was purchased. Sherry now lives in Washougal, in the heart of the Columbia River Gorge. She reports that it's very beautiful. Sherry also notes that after 20 or so years of working as a graphic designer and yearning to work with children, she finally earned her master's degree and has been teaching at an elementary school for eight years. Sherry started teaching second grade, but when the teacher/librarian took another job, she jumped at the opportunity! Now Sherry teaches literature, technology, and art to 485 K-5 students, and she loves it. The only thing Sherry loves more is being a grandma. She assures us that it doesn't get any better.

Diane Wright celebrated her 20th year working at Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health services, where she is the director of Quality Management, the compliance officer, and the client rights officer. The agency now has over 500 staff serving over 12,000 people affected by mental illness and substance abuse. Diane also teaches in the social work departments at the University of Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky University.

Once a month you can find Diane speaking at the Hopedale Unitarian Universalist Community in Oxford, where she gets to see Western faces. (**Genevieve O'Malley-Knight '04** is the director of RE, and **Curt Ellison HA** works the sound system!) A few years ago, Diane was ordained as a non-denominational minister, and she's crossing her fingers that in 2015 she will get to take some days off and make herself available on the courthouse steps, when marriage equality passes in Ohio. In the meanwhile, Diane reports that she is privileged to help several couples a year with their marriage ceremonies. Diane's son Nicholas graduated with his master's degree in December 2014, and her younger son,

Tucker, is in eighth grade at Clark Montessori, the first public Montessori high school in the country. Diane reports, "Life is good!"

Susanne Noble is hoping that 2015 will be full of good health, good work, and time with family and friends. Susanne reports that she can't believe her daughter, Natalie, will start high school in the fall at a STEM school where she can find enough math and science and a golf team. Susanne's husband, Mark, is still at Pease and Associates, where he is a CPA. Susanne is a social worker at a small Jewish hospice. Susanne enjoyed a visit from the daughter of **Anne Meskey '85**, while she was college shopping at Oberlin. **Tom Jennings' ('85)** son was able to give Anne's daughter a tour. Susanne is so glad to be able to see **Trina '85, Marcy, John and Diane** (all '86) once in a while. She misses friends farther away! Susanne can't wait to celebrate **Misun's ('87)** 50th this spring with a trip to Hawaii. Please let Susanne know if you're coming to Cleveland!

Laura Dobbins reports that she continues to live in New York City's ever-changing East Village, and she wonders how 27 years could have passed since she arrived on that strange island of Manhattan. Laura is fighting an extreme case of wanderlust, wanting to head off to far-off lands, away from her media addiction and immersed in natural beauty. Laura is working in communications at a tech company, helping to eradicate jargon such as "best in class," "low hanging fruit," "circling back," "out of pocket," one phrase at a time. Laura's anti-fracking environmental work (with a group of others) came to great fruition this past year when New York State banned fracking. She reports that it was a great environmental justice moment, because the poor areas of the state were the ones going to be fracked ... literally and figuratively. Laura loves having visitors, especially Westerners, so please do get in touch with Laura. She would love to gather you all there — and feel the Western love.

John Haffner Layden sends greetings from New York City! John reports that for the past six years, he's been helping lead the editorial/communications group at The New School, a progressive university in New York City that offers a range of degree programs, courses, and public programs (most of which he describe as "interdisciplinary," a term he never thought he'd write more in the year 2015 than he did in the years between 1982 and 1985 combined!). Most of John's work at the university supports Parsons, The New School's art and design school. John is also the writing and editing lead on a team that produces *Regarding Design (re:D)*, the university's largest and most comprehensive publication, a role that connects him with the global design community and pushes him to develop the writing skills that his beloved Western professors tried hard to cultivate in him! John also

lectures and guest crits at Parsons and Queens College in publication design courses and recently presented at a university art educators conference in Sarasota on strategies for enhancing design education at lesser-resourced universities in the city (sounds very Western, right?).

John lives in Brooklyn, does community organizing/activism for various causes, ineptly cooks, and has a great network of folks around him. Western and Ohio folk are a big part of that human web: John gets to see Western alums like **Tom Jennings '85** and Tom's son Griff, his godson), **Laura Dobbins**, and **John Vanek '98** here in New York; he is in Ohio regularly to see beloved longtime comrades (and their own families) like **Trina Marschall '85, Marcy (Mulford) Shultz, Susanne (Foley) Noble '86**, and **Di Wright**; and when traveling John takes great delight in reconnecting with farther-flung dear ones like **Anne Meskey Elhajoui** (we claim her for Western '85, **Sherry Hoffmann Loniewski**, and **Misun Oh '87**. And yes, John has recently pulled off his shelf *A Sense of the Earth* and *Of Wolves and Men* AND has cut the rug to a Talking Heads song or two. John is on both Facebook and Twitter for any Westerners who would like to connect.

Gail Deibler Finke reports that she still lives in Cincinnati, is running a daily Catholic web magazine and is mulling her future, now that she's passed the big 5-0. Gail says that she would really like to be involved somehow with improving mental health care in the country, especially care for the whole family, but how? That's the question ... If anyone is involved in this, Gail would love to hear about it. Gail's daughter just turned 21 and her son 18 (yes, same year as her turning 50); Gail won't say how old her dear husband turned. Gail is currently looking forward to the end of the cold weather.

Breaking news from **Grant Shull**: "For a while I have been gathering info on commercially viable products that could be combined to create an integrated National Carbon-Neutral Transportenergy Network in our generation. I finally pulled the trigger in celebration of Earth Day this year. So, I am kick starting the first phase of Solar-O.com. Imagine, needing no carbon-based fuels to run our cars just by changing how we pave our roads. This is the beginning of a long process, but I am hoping enough people will get behind the first phase to get it off the ground in 2015. For more info, click through to Solar-O.com and you will be directed to my Kickstarter page. If you are so inclined, please participate in the success of The Solar-O Project, by backing it, getting two friends to back it and repeating until we reach the funding goal!"

I, **Beth McNellie** report that son Benjamin will be attending his first choice, Harvey Mudd College, in the fall (yes, the same



Beth McNellie with husband Jon and son Benjamin, who's wearing the jalaba he bargained for in the souk in Marrakech

place that Erik's son attends, which is amazing, as they only have 800 students, total). He will be able to pursue his interests in math and science and distance running. And, yes, I will be the mudder of a Mudder! This, of course, also means that I and husband Jon, who retired at the end of 2014, will be empty nesters. We celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary last November. I continue my legal practice at Baker Hostetler, and am still in Columbus. A great trip to Belgium this past summer, where the food, beer and hiking were amazing!

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Deepest condolences to the family of '86 classmate **Judy Bruns Sears**, who passed away on March 9 of this year. Her obituary can be viewed here: obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=Judy-Sears&lc=6768&pid=174352500&mid=6354220



From **Janet Gray Gannon**: "I'm happily living in Maine, where I teach marine science and evolutionary biology labs at Bowdoin College. Basically, they pay me to take people to the beach. And grade papers; my students have Western to thank for all the input I give them on writing, though they're not necessarily thankful for it. In the summer, my husband and I run a small field station on an island in Bay of Fundy, where we just can't get enough fog, seabird poop, or beans. Between all of this work I spend a lot of time writing and "researching" blog posts (this generally involves eating lobster rolls, hiking to cool places, and exploring the amazing flora and fauna of the Gulf of Maine), exercising, eating and drinking, saving for an eventual escape from the work world, sailing and writing about sailing, fighting our dog for the corner of the sectional, and enjoying the company of so many interesting people."

From me, **Andy**: My short story collection *In Love, In Water and Other Stories* was published by Post Mortem Press in September, and is available on Amazon. I have also received promotion at Northern Kentucky University. Next year I will be a full professor.

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Hello all! Managed to squeeze a few updates out of you:

From **Paula Taschler**: "Greetings from Culpeper, VA, home of the Taschler-Wilson family for the past eight years! My lifelong passion for helping others brought me to a career in education, helping munchkins survive elementary school. I have been a school counselor for over 10 years — how time flies! My husband, Bill, is a high school special ed teacher who recently completed his Ph.D. (Never thought we'd be paying off our student loans during retirement!) My two daughters are 15 and 13 this year — that is all I need to say! We love where we have chosen to settle and life is good!"

Christopher Taylor writes: "I took a job last July as the director of Community Standards at Wright State University in Dayton. Also, I'm hoping to finish my dissertation in Student Affairs in Higher Education at Miami this summer. Hope all is well with you and yours." (chris.taylor@wright.edu)

This from **Jim Wesson**: "Been working as a full-time yoga teacher for the past seven years. Sarah continues to work full time as a librarian in the Davenport Public Library system. Samantha is 12 and Rachel is 8. Both attend Rivermont Collegiate for school. I play baseball in the summers in a local rec league and have taken up playing the harmonica and am a founding member of the Wandering Patriots Harmonica Band!"

And from **Michelle Bricker West**: "I live in Saint Paul with my husband and our four children, ranging in age from 4 to 18. We started a screen-printing business here in Saint Paul about two years ago. It's right in our neighborhood, which makes the commute pretty awesome. We named the business after our street here, Chelsea Printworks!"

Emil Churchin reiterated his claim to have invented Post-It notes, and **Beth Ann George Schorr** said, "I use Post-Its too. The one with my update is stuck to the bottom of my 14-year-old's shoe. I'd contribute

more, but I am on the way to my 10-year-old's soccer practice. (I go to work as an attorney and manage a government agency by day to relax.)"

As for **Alicia Broderick** and myself, we and the kids are still at 1496 Julian Terrace, Union, NJ 07083. In December, we finally finished repairing the damage that Hurricane Sandy did to our house (two years earlier!). Alicia teaches education and disability studies at Montclair State University, and I divide my time between bothering people for alumni updates and fighting to save endangered buildings from the forces of profit and modernization.

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*Genevieve O'Malley Knight
attended the Patterson Place
victory rally with her daughters*

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* **Alex Allegree** recently celebrated his seven-year anniversary at Humana where he works and continues to fight the good fight to make positive change within the Healthcare Industry.

* Alex also has recently celebrated a fitness goal of losing 100 lbs. and only has 44 more to go!

* As always, Alex is as rich as ever with friendships and family.



*Dustin Leimgruber '06, wife Sarah,
and their growing family*

*Hopefully by next year he will have relocated to Denver, CO, if all things line up.

Dustin and Sarah (MU '07) Leimgruber are celebrating the birth of their daughter Ruby along with her big siblings, Jack and Ellen. Dustin is in his third year of pastoring the Pierpont Presbyterian Church and involved in making Biblical study accessible to people outside the church through in-person weekly Bible studies in places like friendly local game shops and through the websites PierpontChurch.com and TeamNerdChurch.com. Sarah is teaching kindergarten and first grade at Christian Faith Academy.

Assistant Attorney General **Graham Filler** is practicing law in Michigan. He's active in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program and the treasurer of the Clinton County Republican Party. Graham is constantly reading Winston Churchill books and is getting married this June in Mackinac Island.

Yours truly is living in Ecuador.

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I had the opportunity to visit Miami in November 2014 and meet with many of the current Western students, and was happy to see that the new program is taking shape nicely. The students seemed enthusiastic about being a part of Western and were keen to know how things used to be when we were there. It was fun sharing stories, answering questions, and hearing about the super long senior project titles they all have. Some things never change.

So with that same enthusiasm, I asked my classmates to send me their life updates, and include something about their favorite (or one of their favorite) memories of Western, and how their experience at Western may or may not connect to something they're doing in their lives right now.

Nurit (Yastrow) Friedberg: "One of my favorite memories of Western is waking up in my awesome room in Peabody and heading right downstairs to class, sometimes still wearing my pajamas. I loved that everything happened all in one place; I always felt so connected to what was going on. While I'm still enjoying working part time as an early-childhood mental health therapist, I also feel



Adina Rachel Friedberg

extraordinarily lucky to spend so much time working where I live — as a mom. Adina Rachel joined us this past spring and she is just so much fun. Plus, she doesn't care if I ever change out of my pajamas. :)"

Emily Garritson: "I'm on the home stretch of my medical education. I will complete my dermatology residency at Rush University Hospital in 1½ years and will finally be ready



Emily (right), hiking in Brazil

to join the working world. I was recently able to hike parts of Brazil, which was reminiscent of my time in Costa Rica (favorite course as a WCP student)"

Jocelyn Haugen: "2015 opened with a bang for me. I moved to Seattle, WA, and started a new marketing manager job with ABODA (corporate housing). I'm putting the creative portion of my senior thesis to work every

day as I'm in charge of the company repositioning itself for global growth and rebranding. My boyfriend, Nic, and I just put our house in Vancouver, WA, on the market and we are now house hunting up north. My time



Jocelyn and Nic

outside of work has been spent cleaning the old house, rifling through new home listings on Redfin, and, quite simply, acknowledging the fact that I'm a true adult now making big decisions and commitments. Gone are the days of sleepovers in Peabody with fellow Western friends **Katie Reilly, Emily Rouse, and Anne Frank '09.**"

Stephanie Lee: "My favorite memories of Western had to do with climbing things, perching from great heights, and being a little daring (climbing to the top of the Art Museum, climbing to the rafters of Kumler, and sitting on the roof of the Peabody porch). I guess you could say that's carried over into my current life: I moved across the country again and have started working as



Stephanie, "movin' on up"

a hospital revenue trainer for a company that provides electronic medical records software to over half of the country's population (movin' on up, gaining some new perspectives on the healthcare industry). In my free time I mountain bike on frozen lakes, stay up way too late dancing, and trying my best to eat all the cheeses of Wisconsin, while not adopting other Wisconsin habits (football and beer)."

John Obrycki: "One of my favorite memories: Running through the woods (seemingly

I'd get so far away) but then always feeling that Western (home) was close by. Western has and was a calming influence and place. But at the same time, extremely dynamic and transformative. When I'm out running, there are places that remind me of Western, Oxford, and the woods, and I just want to disappear into the woods again, running along. Besides that, I'm still working away on research. Fun stuff."

Sydney Willcox: "One of my favorite memories was making midnight French fries in the kitchen of Peabody with some girls. When we were walking down the hall with pots and oil and a giant bag of potatoes, we



Chef Sydney

got some weird looks. I suppose that connects to my current life because I'm a chef/chef instructor. I teach cooking classes to non-professionals at a few spots around the city (one of them is Haven's Kitchen, very healthy and sustainable)."

Martin Yip: "I miss being a Community Learning Assistant (CLA) in Peabody Hall for three years. It was indeed truly an honor to be able to contribute to such a distinguished community, where I learned the importance of celebrating our differences and building common grounds. I am applying this mentality among my peers in Hong Kong, where many were divided because of different political stances last year. Another update: I have been with the same bank for 4½ years and am looking for a role that allows better work life balance, yet is still very intellectually stimulating."

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The Western Program

Message from the Director

Greetings from Peabody Hall, as the canopy of Western Woods closes with fresh leaves, the last of the students leave campus for the summer, and the fourth class of graduating seniors from the Western Program moves to pastures new. This year's senior projects explored the meaning of love (**Erika Strong** and **Jonathan Timmons**), language and cultural identity (**Kayla Orta**), intentional Christian communities (**Nathan Roser**), the religious affiliations of American politicians (**Cole Tyman**), Tanzanian society through photography (**Alissa Pollock**), creative design (**Sarah Pyles**), social entrepreneurship (**Shannon Regan**), creative retailing (**Emily Baker**), computer game design (**Luke Stapleton** and **James Kelly**), environmental awareness (**Andrea Christman**), and activism against sexual violence (**Christina Berardi**). Western was honored this year to count the Student Body President (**Cole Tyman**), Editor of *The Miami Student* (**Reis Thebault**), and the College of Arts and Science Recognition Ceremony Student Speaker (**Kayla Orta**) among our majors in Individualized Studies. **Kim Ernsting**, who moved across campus to the Undergraduate Advising Information Center last semester, joined us for the Commencement Ceremony in Kumler Chapel and helped wish our students future happiness, engagement, and fulfillment. Our new Western Program Coordinator and Advisor began work in Peabody Hall in January, and he introduces himself in the following message.



Nik Money

— *Nicholas P. Money*
Western Program Director and Professor of Botany

Hello! My name is **Zack Hill**, and until recently, I was the newest member of the Western Program. I have served as the Coordinator and Advisor of Western as well as the Chief Departmental Advisor since mid-January. It has been an amazing (and amazingly fast) Spring Semester assisting students and engaging with the Western community, participating in events ranging from playing in a students-versus-staff trivia night to hosting "The Fannie Lou Hamer Story" in Leonard Theatre. My first few months here have been a true pleasure. Though not new to the University — I received both a B.A. (Psychology, English: Literature, and English: Creative Writing) and M.A. (English) from Miami — I am new to Western and the Individualized Studies program. My background is in the classroom where it was not uncommon for me to use Play-doh, Apples-to-Apples, and other less-traditional materials as tools of (mass) educational construction. After spending the last decade in the English department where I taught first-year composition and creative writing courses, I now have a new home — one I have unknowingly been preparing for my entire life as a teacher, film production intern, custom textbook editor, Ikea cog, and more. I have always been an unwitting interdisciplinarian: a renaissance man of athletics, politics, the arts, cooking, nature, and education. And now — I am overjoyed that my journey has led me here and could not be more excited to continue my Miami experience in Peabody Hall.



Zack Hill

— *Zack Hill*
Western Program Coordinator and Advisor

Congratulations, Western Program Class of 2015 ...



... all smiles at the traditional candlelight commencement ceremony in Kumler Chapel!

From the Archives

In February 2015, the Western College Memorial Archives collections were moved to the Miami University Archives in Withrow Court. The move puts all of the archival materials from Western College, 1855-1975; Oxford Female College, 1830-1928; and Miami University, 1809- in one location. All three share display space in the common reading room, but have their own dedicated and separate shelf areas. The merger provides wider access for students, professors, staff, and external researchers and makes for an efficient and productive archival environment.



Elizabeth Brice, Ass't. Dean, Technical Services & Special Collections (right) and archives assistant Elizabeth Maurer introduce WCAA trustees to the new Archives location. The coat rack was a handcrafted gift from Charles Salt HA, father of Betsy Salt '74, in 2002.

The Miami University Archives supports the mission of Miami University and the Miami University Libraries by facilitating equal access to materials chronicling University history, administrative business, and teaching activities. The Archives is located in the old Withrow Court locker area, directly across from McKie Baseball Field. There is a single outside public entrance on the north side of the facility. The Archives is not directly accessible from the Withrow Court building.

If you need to contact us regarding appointments, questions, this webpage or anything else you can call 513-529-6720 or e-mail us at archives@miamioh.edu.

— *Jacky Johnson*
WCMA Archivist



Trustee Jane Smucker Fryman '58 (seated) and WCMA archivist Jacky Johnson listen to the presentation in the shared Archives reading room.

From the Clubs



At the Columbus Area luncheon on April 16, a spirited and engaged group listened to Otterbein University religion and philosophy professor Glenna Jackson (former colleague of Betsy Salt) tell about her experiences in Zimbabwe.

Attending (seated, from left): Ella Brown McMahon '63, Cathy Bauer Cooper '60, Catherine Ross Loveland '52, Nancy Ryan Rietz '52, Janina Chadwick '67; (standing) WCAA Senior Accountant Kaye Wolke, WCAA Director Mackenzie Becker Rice, event hostess Betsy Salt '74, Gretchen Zimmerman Crawford '61, and Joan Campbell '73.

Send your news — and pictures! — for the Fall '15 Bulletin NOW.
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A Family Legacy and the Legacy Circle

Marjorie Lloyd Liggett, Class of 1939, loved Western College and she loved her family. Best of all, she loved connecting the two.

She was extremely proud of the fact that her Grandfather Irving Drew had been a trustee of the Western Female Seminary (1902-29). His daughter, her mother, **Marjorie Drew Lloyd**, was **Class of 1907**. But she was even prouder that so many more members of her immediate and extended family attended Western. She was very fond of reminding people that her family held the record.

What better way to connect her beloved family with her revered alma mater than through the Western College Legacy Circle? And so when the concept was proposed, Marjorie Lloyd Liggett made an extremely generous leadership gift.

Marj passed away on January 21st of this year, just a few days before the big party her big family had planned to celebrate her 97th birthday. Sadly, she won't get to see the Legacy Circle completed.

But she was on campus to say a few words at the Alumnae Weekend groundbreaking on June 21, 2014 — along with, of course, several family members.



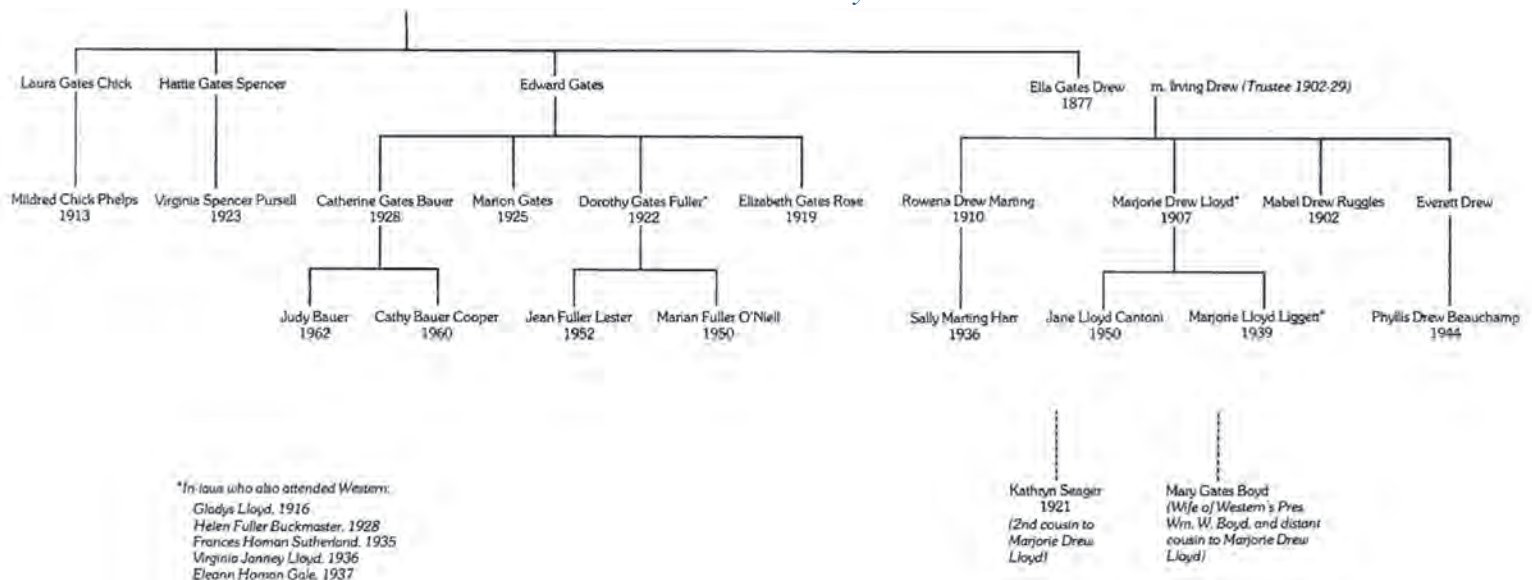
What the Western College Legacy Circle will look like!



As of May 2015, gifts and pledges = 96% (\$336,000)!

It's not too late to participate! You can still make a contribution and become part of the Legacy Circle. (Look for the reply envelope in the Financial Report insert.)

All in the Family!



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